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**[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
ON MARCH 27, 2007 BEGINS ON PAGE 267.]**

**SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING. THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS CALLED TO ORDER. I WOULD ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE RISE FOR THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE INVOCATION IS GOING TO BE LED BY PASTOR DAVID KENDRICK OF THE HILLCREST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN GRANADA HILLS AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY MICHAEL SHURLEY, FORMER SERGEANT, UNITED STATES ARMY. PASTOR KENDRICK?

**PASTOR DAVID KENDRICK:** WOULD YOU BOW WITH ME, PLEASE? HEAVENLY FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING HERE TODAY AND OPENING UP THIS GATHERING IN PRAYER FOR, IN MANY PARTS OF THIS WORLD AND IN THIS GREAT COUNTRY, YOU'VE BEEN EXCLUDED; BUT YOU ARE WELCOME HERE THIS MORNING, SO WE ASK FOR YOUR PEACE AND YOUR CALMNESS. GOD, EACH SUPERVISOR HAS ACCEPTED A HIGH CALLING AND A WILLINGNESS TO INVEST THEIR GIFTS AND TALENTS TO MAKE THIS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES A BETTER ONE. I ASK THAT YOU GRANT THESE LEADERS GREAT INSIGHT AND WISDOM AND, AS THEY LISTEN, MAY THEY DRAW UPON YOUR COUNSEL AND GUIDANCE ON THIS AGENDA. FATHER, AS A LEADER, THEY WILL FACE TIMES OF



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1 OPPOSITION AND DISCOURAGEMENT BUT, AS THEY CALL UPON YOUR HOLY  
2 NAME, MAY THEY BE UPLIFTED AND ENCOURAGED BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT.  
3 I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD REWARD THESE SUPERVISORS AS THEY SEEK  
4 YOUR PERFECT WILL AND HONOR YOU IN THEIR POSITION. AS A PART  
5 OF THEIR REWARD, MAY YOU BLESS THEIR FAMILIES. THANK YOU FOR  
6 MARCH 27, 2007, AND MAY YOUR NAME BE GLORIFIED IN THIS ROOM  
7 AND IN OUR INDIVIDUAL LIVES TODAY. WE PRAY THIS IN THE  
8 POWERFUL NAME OF YOUR SON. AMEN. THANK YOU.

9

10 **MICHAEL SHURLEY:** WOULD YOU PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF  
11 ALLEGIANCE. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND FACE THE  
12 FLAG. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT'S A PLEASURE TO HAVE PASTOR  
17 DAVID KENDRICK HERE THIS MORNING WHO WAS ORDAINED BY THE  
18 HILLCREST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, NOW CALLED SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS  
19 CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND, AS A MINISTER IN 1989, A GRADUATE OF THE  
20 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE AND HIS MASTER'S DEGREE  
21 IN ADMINISTRATION FROM AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, HE'S  
22 CURRENTLY THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR AND SUPERINTENDENT AT  
23 HILLCREST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN GRANADA HILLS IN THE SAN  
24 FERNANDO VALLEY AND HE'S BEEN MARRIED FOR 33 YEARS WITH HIS





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1 WIFE, CHERRY. THEY HAVE FOUR CHILDREN AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN.

2 SO WE THANK YOU, PASTOR, FOR COMING DOWN.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COLLEAGUES AND  
7 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME AND TO THANK  
8 MR. MICHAEL SHURLEY, WHO LED US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.  
9 HE IS JOINED TODAY WITH HIS WIFE, LISA. MICHAEL IS A VIETNAM  
10 VETERAN WHO SERVED AS A SERGEANT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
11 FROM 1967 TO 1969. HE RECEIVED THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
12 ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, THE NATIONAL  
13 DEFENSE MEDAL, THE VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL AND THE REPUBLIC OF  
14 VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL. HE IS A RETIRED LABOR RELATIONS  
15 MANAGER FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY AND HAS LIVED  
16 IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR 35 YEARS. AS I MENTIONED, HE'S  
17 MARRIED, HIS WIFE HERE IS WITH US, LISA, AND THEY HAVE TWO  
18 CHILDREN. SO WE'D LIKE TO SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS FOR TAKING  
19 TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO JOIN US AND LEAD US IN THE  
20 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MICHAEL. [ APPLAUSE ]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME ALSO STATE THAT PASTOR  
23 KENDRICK'S MOTHER WAS THE CHIEF DEPUTY TO SUPERVISOR JIM  
24 HAYES, WHO USED TO REPRESENT THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL  
25 DISTRICT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. LET'S CALL THE  
3 AGENDA.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
6 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 7, AGENDA FOR THE  
7 MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H AND 2-H. ON ITEM  
8 1-H, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. ON ITEM 2-H, AS  
9 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
10 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE HOUSING  
11 AUTHORITY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM  
14 2-H WILL BE REFERRED BACK. ITEM 1-H WILL BE HELD.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5. WE WILL  
17 HOLD THESE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS,  
18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 6 THROUGH 17. ON ITEM NUMBER 11,  
19 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUEST THAT THIS  
20 ITEM BE HELD. THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY  
23 MOLINA. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PAGE 14, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,  
2 ITEMS 18 THROUGH 20. ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND A  
3 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 19  
4 AND 20 ARE BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.  
7 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. ON ITEM 21,  
10 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN  
11 AND FAMILY SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE  
12 WEEKS TO APRIL 17TH, 2007, FOR SUBMISSION OF THE FINALIZED  
13 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE COUNTY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WILL BE  
16 CONTINUED FOR THREE WEEKS.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEM 22. AND, ON ITEM 22,  
19 THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS REVISED, AS INDICATED ON THE  
20 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.  
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC WORKS, ON ITEM 23, SUPERVISOR  
2 YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ORDINANCE FOR  
3 INTRODUCTION. ON ITEM 24, I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE  
4 RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5, PERSONNEL AND  
5 TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO  
6 THE MANAGEMENT APPRAISAL AND PERFORMANCE PLAN.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. BURKE MOVES, ANTONOVICH  
9 SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION. ON ITEM NUMBER 25,  
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT  
13 THIS ITEM BE HELD. MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
14 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
15 OFFICER WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
16 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM  
17 26-A.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS.  
20 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 26-B.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.  
25 UNANIMOUS VOTE.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 26-C.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS.

5 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 26-D.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.

10 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 26-E.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.

15 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.

18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL

19 DISTRICT NUMBER 2.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. BEFORE WE START OUR PRESENTATION, WE

24 WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE, WE HAVE HERE SOME OF THE REGIONAL

25 OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM STUDENTS FROM-- THEY PARTICIPATE FROM 44



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1 HIGH SCHOOLS AS WELL AS ADULTS AND THESE LOW COST AND  
2 EXCELLENT CLASSES ARE TAKEN THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. THE CLASSES  
3 ARE IN COSMETOLOGY, LIFEGUARD, C.N.A., AUTOMOTIVE  
4 SPECIALIZATION, COMPUTER APPLICATION ANIMATION, DIGITAL  
5 PHOTOGRAPHY, HOSPITALITY, CULINARY ARTS AND SPORTS MEDICINE,  
6 AND I WANTED TO RECOGNIZE AND HAVE THEM STAND, THE COUNSELORS  
7 AND THE STUDENTS FROM EACH ONE OF THESE SCHOOLS THAT ARE HERE  
8 TODAY. FIRST, FROM CULVER CITY HIGH SCHOOL, AVIVA MONESONE IS  
9 THE COUNSELOR, AND ARE THOSE THE CULVER CITY STUDENTS? WE WANT  
10 TO RECOGNIZE YOU. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE WITH US. [ APPLAUSE  
11 ]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** AND IS JOY COSTELLO HERE? OKAY. WELL, WE'LL  
14 RECOGNIZE THEM A LITTLE BIT LATER. WHAT ABOUT MARY K. MCCRAY?  
15 SHE'S HERE FROM SANTA MONICA HIGH SCHOOL. AND COULD WE HAVE  
16 THE STUDENTS AND-- STAND WHO ARE FROM SANTA MONICA HIGH  
17 SCHOOL? [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD  
20 DOROTHY CHONG. DOROTHY BEGAN HER CAREER WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS  
21 ANGELES ASSESSOR'S OFFICE IN 1980 AS A INTERMEDIATE CLERK. IN  
22 1985, SHE TRANSFERRED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS AN  
23 INTERMEDIATE BOARD SPECIALIST AND SHE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR  
24 BOARD SPECIALIST IN 1987. SHE HAS SERVED WITH LOYALTY,  
25 INTEGRITY, AND DEDICATION THROUGHOUT HER ENTIRE COUNTY CAREER.



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1 IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO DOROTHY  
2 CHONG FOR 27 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND EXTEND TO HER OUR  
3 BEST WISHES FOR A LONG AND HAPPY RETIREMENT. DOROTHY. [  
4 APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **DOROTHY CHONG:** GOOD MORNING. I'M VERY HUMBLLED BY THIS  
7 RECOGNITION. IT IS I WHO SHOULD THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY  
8 TO SERVE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ALL THE WONDERFUL  
9 PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN IT. I'D LIKE TO THANK MY FAMILY, MY  
10 FRIENDS, AND THE SUPERVISORS AND ALL THE GREAT PEOPLE I HAD  
11 THE PLEASURE WORKING WITH THROUGH MY COUNTY CAREER. THANK YOU.  
12 [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14 **DOROTHY CHONG:** I HAVE MY WHOLE FAMILY, MY BROTHER, BIG  
15 BROTHER, MY BIG SISTER AND MY YOUNGER SISTER AND MY BROTHER-  
16 IN-LAW. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
19 THANK DOROTHY FOR WORKING FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR  
20 APPROXIMATELY 22 YEARS AND WANT TO WISH HER WELL IN HER  
21 RETIREMENT. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'D LIKE TO CALL FOR ERIKA COOLEY KOLBENGTON.  
24 AND, MR. ANTONOVICH, THIS IS A STUDENT FROM ONE OF THE SCHOOLS  
25 IN YOUR DISTRICT. ERIKA COOLEY KOLBENGTON IS A SENIOR AT



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1 QUARTZ HIGH SCHOOL AND, AS A SENIOR, SHE WAS REQUIRED TO DO A  
2 SENIOR PROJECT. AS A TOPIC OF INTEREST, SHE CHOSE BREAST  
3 CANCER BECAUSE MANY MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY HAD BEEN AFFECTED.  
4 SHE HAD SUCH AN INTEREST ABOUT BREAST CANCER AND FINDING A  
5 CURE THAT SHE BEGAN VOLUNTEERING HER TIME IN THE ONCOLOGY  
6 DEPARTMENT OF KAISER WOODLAND HILLS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL. AS HER  
7 SENIOR PROJECT, SHE SPEARHEADED A BENEFIT FUNDRAISER TO RAISE  
8 MONEY FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS. IT WAS AN ABSOLUTE  
9 SUCCESSFUL EVENT WHERE SHE COLLECTED \$1,800 AND SHE DONATED  
10 THE PROCEEDS TO M.L.K. HARBOR HOSPITAL. C.E.O. ANTOINETTE  
11 SMITH EPPS WAS HONORED TO RECEIVE THE CHECK BY A PERSONAL  
12 PRESENTATION MADE BY ERIKA. ERIKA BELIEVES THAT HER SENIOR  
13 PROJECT HAS HELPED HER FOCUS ON HOW SHE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
14 IN HER COMMUNITY AND SHE HAS SINCE STARTED HER OWN NONPROFIT  
15 BUSINESS CALLED "A TRIBUTE TO LIFE." IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE  
16 THAT WE PRESENT THIS TO ERIKA COOLEY KOLBENGTON. [ APPLAUSE ]

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18 **ERIKA COOLEY KOLBENGTON:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
19 SUPERVISOR BURKE AND STAFF FOR ACKNOWLEDGING MY GIFT TO  
20 KING/DREW MEDICAL CENTER. THE SENIOR PROJECT IS A BIG DEAL, SO  
21 I WAS DETERMINED TO WORK ON SOMETHING THAT WAS IMPORTANT AND  
22 WILL GIVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OTHERS AS WELL AS MYSELF.  
23 LIFE IS SPECIAL AND, IF YOU ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE A PART OF  
24 THIS WORLD, BE THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE. WE ARE ALL CONNECTED  
25 LIKE THE VESSELS OF THIS EARTH. WE CAN BE EACH OTHER'S ARMS,



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1 LEGS, MOUTH AND SHARING OF OURSELVES. WE HEAL EACH OTHER. MY  
2 SENIOR PROJECT HAS HELPED ME TO FOCUS ON HOW I CAN MAKE A  
3 DIFFERENCE IN MY COMMUNITY. I PLAN TO GO TO COLLEGE AND STUDY  
4 PUBLIC POLICY SO THAT I MAY LEARN EVEN MORE WAYS TO BE A  
5 POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN MY COMMUNITY IN THE FUTURE. I ALSO WANT  
6 TO THANK MY MOM, WHO ALWAYS HAS MY BACK, AND MY UNCLE RON FOR  
7 ALWAYS REMINDING TO KEEP GOD FIRST IN MY LIFE. THANK YOU. [  
8 APPLAUSE ]

9

10 **ERIKA COOLEY KOLBENGTON:** AND THIS IS MY UNCLE RON. I HAVE MY  
11 SENIOR PROJECT AT HIS CHURCH, L.A. THIRD CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS  
12 SCIENCE, AND HE'S ALSO MY GODFATHER. [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14 **ANTOINETTE EPPS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE, AND THANK YOU SO  
15 MUCH, ERIKA. ACTUALLY, ERIKA IS MY HERO. I AM AWED BY HER  
16 SPIRIT, I'M AWED BY HER DETERMINATION AND I'M AWED BY HER  
17 BELIEF THAT SHE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND HER DETERMINATION TO  
18 GO AHEAD AND PROVE THAT SHE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. SHE  
19 CERTAINLY MADE A DIFFERENCE AT MARTIN LUTHER KING HARBOR  
20 HOSPITAL. THANK YOU, ERIKA. [ APPLAUSE ]

21

22 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** AND, ERIKA, ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE  
23 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT AND  
24 THANK YOU AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOU FOR YOUR WORK. VISION AND  
25 LEADERSHIP START EARLY. FOR YOU TO REACH OUT AND HELP US AT





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1 M.L.K. HARBOR HOSPITAL, HELP THE COMMUNITY IS SO INCREDIBLY  
2 IMPORTANT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE  
3 FUTURE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** SHE HAD TO COME A LONG WAY HERE BUT WE'RE VERY  
6 PLEASED. AND CERRITOS HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL IS HERE ALSO FOR  
7 THIS PRESENTATION I'M ABOUT TO GIVE, SO WE'RE GOING TO ASK HIM  
8 TO COME FORWARD AS WELL AND WE WANT TO CALL FORWARD MARIA  
9 SCHMIDT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VARIETY, THE CHILDREN'S  
10 CHARITY, VIVEK SHAH, CERRITOS HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISM STUDENT,  
11 GREGORY JAMES OF L.A. COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT, GUS SAN  
12 MIGUEL AND EDWIN MORALES OF L.A. COUNTY INTERNAL SERVICES  
13 DEPARTMENT, AND, OF COURSE, JEFF GREEN, CERRITOS PRINCIPAL.  
14 LAST YEAR, I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPLEMENT A LITERACY BOOK  
15 PROJECT THROUGHOUT MY DISTRICT. THE BOOK CHOSEN FOR THIS  
16 LITERACY PROJECT WAS ERAGON, A NOVEL WRITTEN BY CHRISTOPHER  
17 PAOLINI. THIS NOVEL IS THE FIRST BOOK OF AN INHERENCE TRILOGY.  
18 THE STORY IS SET IN A FICTIONAL WORLD AND FOCUSES ON A 17-  
19 YEAR-OLD BOY NAMED ERAGON AND HIS DRAGON, SAFIRA, AS THEY  
20 ATTEMPT TO BRING BACK THE LEGEND OF THE DRAGON RIDERS. THIS  
21 NOVEL SOLD OVER EIGHT MILLION COPIES WORLDWIDE. STUDENTS AND  
22 FACULTY HAVE ALL EXPRESSED THEIR EXCITEMENT OVER THE BOOK AND  
23 ENJOYMENT THEIR STUDENTS EXPERIENCE FROM READING THIS GREAT  
24 NOVEL. THE LITERACY PROJECT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND WE HAVE A  
25 NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO THANK FOR THEIR NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.



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1 FIRST, MARIA SCHMIDT IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VARIETY, THE  
2 CHILDREN'S CHARITY. SHE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH THE COUNTY  
3 THROUGH RECENT RETIREE WINNIE JACKSON WHO BROUGHT THE NEEDS OF  
4 MANY OF THE FOSTER YOUTH TO THE ATTENTION OF BOTH MARIA AND  
5 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SHE HAS BUILT A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE  
6 CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS. SHE  
7 CONTINUES TO OFFER OUTREACH TO COUNTY LITERACY PROGRAMS IN  
8 ADDITION TO RAISING FUNDS AND PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS. VIVEK  
9 SHAH IS A JOURNALISM STUDENT AT CERRITOS HIGH SCHOOL. HE IS IN  
10 A C-HIGH T.V. COURSE THAT ALLOWS STUDENTS TO EXPLORE ALL  
11 ASPECTS OF BROADCAST JOURNALISM. PRODUCTION TEAMS WORK  
12 TOGETHER TO WRITE SCRIPTS, SHOOT FILM AND EDIT PROFESSIONAL  
13 VIDEOS. STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE 30 HOURS OF WORK  
14 MONTHLY AND COMPLETE A FIVE-MINUTE VIDEO SEGMENT FOR SCHOOL-  
15 WIDE AIRING. VIVEK AND HIS INSTRUCTOR, CARLA GILMORE, AND  
16 OTHER STUDENTS CREATED A WEBSITE CONTAINING VALUABLE LESSONS  
17 AND ACTIVITIES BASED ON ERAGON. THESE LESSONS WERE USED BY  
18 TEACHERS WITH STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOLS ACROSS THE  
19 SECOND DISTRICT. GREGORY JAMES, A DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER  
20 OVERSEES PROBATIONS, HONORS, DRAMA ENSEMBLE AND WITH, EDWIN  
21 MORALES, THEY WERE THE INDIVIDUALS, ALONG WITH VOLUNTEERS,  
22 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF OVER 10,000 BOOKS TO  
23 VARIOUS LOCATIONS. NOW, GUS SAN MIGUEL FROM I.S.D., SHEET  
24 METAL SUPERVISOR, WAS EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN COORDINATING THE  
25 MANPOWER AND DELIVERY OF THE BOOKS. YOU DELIVERED 10,000



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1 BOOKS. AND THE SUCCESS OF ERAGON LITERACY PROJECT WAS A  
2 COLLECTIVE EFFORT BY ALL AND I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT THESE  
3 SCROLLS TO ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS. AND I KNOW THAT THEY HAVE  
4 ALL GAINED FROM THIS LITERACY PROJECT. YOUNG PEOPLE READ THEIR  
5 BOOK, WROTE PAPERS ON THEIR BOOK, AND IT BECAME A MATTER THAT  
6 THEY WERE GIVEN A BOOK OF THEIR OWN SO THEY COULD HAVE A  
7 CHANCE TO DO THE WRITING AND BETTER LEARN TO COMMUNICATE. AND  
8 FIRST, VIVEK SHAH, JOURNALISM STUDENT, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU.  
9 [ APPLAUSE ]

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** GREGORY JAMES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION  
12 DEPARTMENT. [ APPLAUSE ]

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14 **SUP. BURKE:** GUS SAN MIGUEL, I.S.D. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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16 **SUP. BURKE:** EDWIN MORALES, INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. [  
17 APPLAUSE ]

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** AND MARIA SCHMIDT. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **MARIA SCHMIDT:** I CAN SAY THAT I'M VERY HONORED AND PROUD TO BE  
22 IN THE COMPANY OF ALL THESE WONDERFUL PEOPLE HERE THAT MAKE  
23 PROJECT OPERATION READ POSSIBLE. FOR YEARS, I'VE BEEN WORKING  
24 WITH WINNIE JACKSON, WHO HAS BECOME A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE AND  
25 THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS OFFICE, TO MAKE OPERATION READ



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1 SUCCESSFUL. THANK YOU, MR. KNABE. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY I AM  
2 PROUD, AFTER 20 YEARS, TO BE RECEIVING THIS WONDERFUL HONOR.  
3 THANK YOU SO MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** WHILE YOU'RE DOING THAT PHOTO, I JUST WANT TO SAY  
6 A HEARTFELT THANKS TO MARIA. I MEAN, NOT ONLY ON THIS  
7 PARTICULAR PROGRAM HERE BUT MARIA HAS BEEN SUCH AN INTEGRAL  
8 PART OF OUR SUCCESS OF OPERATION READ. THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS  
9 OF YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO NOT ONLY READ BUT  
10 TO DIGEST AND TO DEVELOP STORIES AND SOME GREAT OPPORTUNITIES,  
11 SO WE THANK YOU ALL, THANK EVERYBODY, PROBATION, EVERYBODY.  
12 THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. BURKE:** ...PRINCIPAL AND THE STUDENTS FROM CERRITOS HIGH  
15 SCHOOL TAKE A PICTURE WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I WANT MY PICTURE TAKEN WITH JEFF GREEN  
18 BECAUSE HE SURVIVED MY TWO BOYS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'D LIKE TO ASK PEGGY SHUTTLEWORTH  
23 TO COME FORWARD. ALL RIGHT. WE-- SHHH. WE ARE HONORED THIS  
24 MORNING TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO PEGGY SHUTTLEWORTH,  
25 WHO HAS CHOSEN TO RETIRE AFTER COMPLETING 34 YEARS OF



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1 EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN THE  
2 MUNICIPAL AND SUPERIOR COURT SYSTEM. PEGGY BEGAN WITH THE  
3 MUNICIPAL COURT AS A STUDENT WORKER IN 1973 AND, FOR 29 YEARS,  
4 THROUGH SHEER HARD WORK, DETERMINATION AND TRAINING, SHE ROSE  
5 TO THE POSITION OF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF CENTRAL  
6 OPERATIONS, WHICH INCLUDED THE DOWNTOWN OPERATIONS OF THE  
7 CIVIL, CRIMINAL, FAMILY LAW, PROBATE AND TRAFFIC DEPARTMENTS.  
8 WHILE WORKING FULL TIME, PEGGY EARNED A DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
9 MANAGEMENT AND A FELLOWSHIP AT THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE  
10 COURTS, EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. SHE HAS RECEIVED  
11 NUMEROUS COMMENDATIONS AND HAS BEEN HONORED BY THE LOS ANGELES  
12 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT  
13 AND THE LOS ANGELES JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION. SHE'S THE  
14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
15 COORDINATING COMMITTEE. SHE HAS CONTINUED HER QUEST FOR  
16 IMPROVING AND ADVANCING THE OPERATIONS OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM  
17 THROUGH HER LEADERSHIP, EXCELLENT ANALYTICAL AND COMMUNICATION  
18 SKILLS AND A GREAT SENSE OF INTEGRITY BY STICKING TO HER CREED  
19 OF ALWAYS TREATING PEOPLE AS YOU'D LIKE TO BE TREATED, SET AND  
20 COMMUNICATE CLEAR EXPECTATIONS AND LEAD BY EXAMPLE. PEGGY  
21 PLANS TO ENJOY HER RETIREMENT TRAVELING THE NUMEROUS DIVE  
22 SITES AROUND THE GLOBE, GARDENING AND SPENDING HER FREE TIME  
23 WITH HER HUSBAND, TOM, CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN AND SIBLINGS  
24 AND HER BELOVED CANINE, CINNAMON. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
25 PEGGY, WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR



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1 OUTSTANDING 34 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES  
2 COUNTY AND WISH YOU WELL FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND FULFILLING  
3 RETIREMENT. ALL OF US HAVE SERVED IN OUR ROTATING ROLES AS  
4 CHAIRPERSONS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE.  
5 I'VE DONE IT, I'M ON MY THIRD TOUR NOW, AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT  
6 WORKING WITH YOU IS SO EASY, YOU MAKE IT SO EASY FOR THE CHAIR  
7 AND FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. YOU POINT US IN  
8 THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND ALLOW US TO FOCUS ALL OF OUR ENERGIES  
9 AND TIME ON THE POLICY ISSUES AT HAND. YOU'VE DONE AN  
10 OUTSTANDING JOB. I'VE ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU. I THINK I  
11 SPEAK FOR MY STAFF, MY COLLEAGUES AND THEIR STAFFS AS WELL. WE  
12 WISH YOU WELL. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR GREAT SERVICE TO OUR  
13 COUNTY. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **PEGGY SHUTTLEWORTH:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU TO ALL  
16 BOARD MEMBERS. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK FOR YOU OVER THE  
17 LAST FIVE YEARS, AND, OF COURSE, I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT MY  
18 EXPERIENCE WITH THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL AND SUPERIOR COURTS.  
19 IT'S REALLY BEEN MY STAFF MEMBERS WHO ARE HERE WITH ME TODAY  
20 FOR CCJCC AND THEN ALL THE WONDERFUL STAFF THAT WORKED FOR ME  
21 THROUGHOUT MY CAREER WITH THE COURTS THAT HAVE MADE ME  
22 ACCOMPLISH WHAT I HAVE. AND SO I JUST WANT TO THANK THE BOARD  
23 AND THANK THOSE THAT I'VE WORKED WITH AND I'M VERY GLAD TO  
24 RECEIVE THIS AND I'M VERY GLAD THAT I'M RETIRING IN JUST A FEW  
25 DAYS, SO THANK YOU. [ LIGHT LAUGHTER ] [ APPLAUSE ]





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME ASK SACHI HAMAI TO SAY A  
3 WORD ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND, PEGGY, I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS  
6 OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION  
7 OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS THAT YOU'VE BEEN WITH THE CCJCC  
8 COMMITTEE. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE. I HAVEN'T KNOWN YOU THAT LONG  
9 BUT I WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR RETIREMENT. GOOD LUCK ON ALL YOUR  
10 TRAVELS. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. IT'S  
15 MY PLEASURE TO INVITE UP HERE TO JOIN ME, WE HAVE HEIDI  
16 GALLEGOS, WHO IS A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OF ROLAND UNIFIED  
17 SCHOOL DISTRICT, DR. MARIA OTT, WHO IS THE SUPERINTENDENT,  
18 ALONG WITH NANCY VALENTINE AND A COUPLE OF STUDENTS JOINING US  
19 TODAY HERE, THE WINNERS, AND ALSO NATALIE SALAZAR FROM THE  
20 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THIS WEEK, THE SCHOOLS IN ROWLAND  
21 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL CELEBRATE SAFE COMMUNITIES WEEK  
22 WITH A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES FOCUSED ON SAFETY. THE VITALITY  
23 OF OUR COUNTY DEPENDS ON HOW SAFE WE KEEP OUR HOMES,  
24 NEIGHBORHOODS AND WORKPLACES, AS WELL AS OUR COMMUNITIES.  
25 CRIME AND FEAR DIMINISH OUR TRUST IN OTHERS AND IN OUR



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1 INSTITUTIONS, THREATENING THE COMMUNITY'S HEALTH AND  
2 PROSPERITY. EACH YEAR, IN CELEBRATION OF SAFE COMMUNITIES  
3 WEEK, THE ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFETY AND DRUG,  
4 ALCOHOL, TOBACCO EDUCATION PROGRAM SPONSOR AN ANNUAL PEECHEE  
5 FOLDER CONTEST TO ALL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL STUDENTS. THIS YEAR,  
6 THE FOLDERS CONTEST WINNER IS KEVIN LUONG, WHO IS IN THE  
7 EIGHTH GRADE AND ATTENDS ALVARADO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AND  
8 INSIDE THE FOLDER WILL BE INFORMATION ABOUT BOWLING, CONFLICT  
9 RESOLUTION, WEBSITES FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION. THIS FOLDER WILL  
10 BE PRINTED AND GIVEN TO ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE IN THE FOURTH TO  
11 EIGHTH GRADE NEXT YEAR. IN ADDITION, THE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS  
12 TOOK PART IN A BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST. AND THE BOOKMARK  
13 DESIGN CONTEST WINNER FOR THIS YEAR IS JACQUELINE FABIAN.  
14 SHE'S IN THE FIFTH GRADE AND ATTENDS ROYMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.  
15 SO, ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT  
16 THIS SCROLL PROCLAIMING, ONCE AGAIN, AND THEY DO SUCH A GREAT  
17 JOB OUT THERE EACH AND EVERY YEAR, THE WEEK OF MARCH 26TH TO  
18 THE 31ST SAFE COMMUNITY WEEKS AND WE WANT TO THANK THE ROWLAND  
19 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ALL THEY DO ON BEHALF OF THE  
20 SAFETY OF OUR AREA. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

21

22 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, ON BEHALF OF THE ROWLAND UNIFIED  
23 BOARD OF EDUCATION, OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR COMMUNITY, I WANT TO  
24 THANK YOU FOR THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND FOR  
25 MAKING SAFETY A TOP PRIORITY FOR OUR AREA. WE LOOK FORWARD TO



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1 OUR WEEK LONG EVENTS AND ESPECIALLY THE UPCOMING SATURDAY  
2 EVENT THAT WILL BE HELD TO PROMOTE SAFETY THROUGHOUT OUR  
3 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. AS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM  
6 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WE'VE EXPANDED  
7 THE WHOLE SAFE COMMUNITIES CONCEPT TO COVER THE ENTIRE MONTH  
8 OF MARCH, PROMOTING NEIGHBORHOOD, BUSINESS WATCH PROGRAMS,  
9 SENIOR SAFETY, GETTING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL SAFELY, AND YOU SEE  
10 THE GREAT ARTWORK FROM TWO OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT HAS BEEN  
11 HIGHLIGHTED, NOT ONLY FOR ROWLAND HEIGHTS BUT THROUGHOUT THE  
12 COUNTY. PUBLIC SAFETY IS A HUGE PRIORITY, OBVIOUSLY, FOR US  
13 BUT WE ALSO LIKE TO TIE THIS INTO NEXT MONTH, WHICH WILL BE  
14 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION MONTH. SO WE HOPE PEOPLE THAT  
15 ARE WATCHING FROM HOME AND PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY AND  
16 THE REST OF OUR CONSTITUENTS WILL BE THINKING OF GREAT WAYS  
17 THAT THEY CAN MAKE THEIR COMMUNITIES SAFER BY VOLUNTEERING,  
18 GETTING OUT THERE AND BEING A PART OF THIS. THANK YOU VERY  
19 MUCH.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, AND HEIDI FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD IS  
22 GOING TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS, BUT A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME IT'S  
23 YOUR BIRTHDAY TODAY. HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

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1   **HEIDI GALLEGOS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND ALSO THANK  
2   YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, ALONG WITH THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
3   SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OPERATION SAFE  
4   COMMUNITY AND THE SAFE COMMUNITIES FESTIVAL. THIS IS REALLY  
5   TRULY A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT AND GOVERNMENT AT ITS BEST OF  
6   COUNTY GOVERNMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY AND SCHOOLS  
7   TO BETTER OUR COMMUNITIES AND BE ABLE TO EDUCATE OUR YOUNG  
8   PEOPLE ON THE VALUE OF SAFETY AND SELF-RELIANCE AND PERSONAL  
9   RESPONSIBILITY. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, I  
10  WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE BOARD  
11  OF SUPERVISORS.

12

13   **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.  
14  CONGRATULATIONS.

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THAT IT? DON? ALL RIGHT. MR.  
17  ANTONOVICH.

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19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME CHIEF JOHN CLARK  
20  TO OUR BOARD FOR... [ APPLAUSE ]

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22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE LOS  
23  ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY. CHIEF CLERK-- EXCUSE ME, CHIEF  
24  CLARK BEGAN HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER IN JUNE 1977 WHEN HE  
25  JOINED THE YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE STATE OF MAINE. HE



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1 ENTERED THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SERVICE IN DECEMBER OF  
2 1983 WITH HIS FIRST DUTY STATION ASSIGNMENT ALSO IN MAINE.  
3 THEN, IN APRIL 1988, JOHN WAS PROMOTED TO SUPERVISOR AND  
4 TRANSFERRED TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. IN NOVEMBER 1995, CHIEF  
5 CLARK WAS TAPPED TO SERVE AS THE NATIONAL TRAINING ACADEMY AND  
6 BECAME THE CHIEF OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING IN MARCH OF 1997. HIS  
7 EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE BROUGHT ABOUT THE PROMOTION TO THE  
8 INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION IN JANUARY 2000, WHERE HE WAS  
9 ASSIGNED DURING THE SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 TERRORIST ATTACKS.  
10 WHEN CONGRESS ENACTED LEGISLATING CREATING THE U.S. MARSHAL  
11 TASK FORCES NATIONWIDE TO EFFECTIVELY COMBINE FEDERAL AND  
12 STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES TO LOCATE AND ARREST  
13 FUGITIVES, CHIEF CLARK WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CREATION AND  
14 LEADING THE LOS ANGELES TASK FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES  
15 MARSHAL'S SERVICE, ON WHICH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
16 DEPARTMENT HAS SIX DEPUTIES AND ONE SERGEANT ASSIGNED FROM THE  
17 MAJOR CRIMES BUREAU. THIS IS WHAT'S INTERESTING. TO DATE, THE  
18 TASK FORCE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR OVER 3,100 FUGITIVE  
19 ARRESTS, MAKING THE PROGRAM A NATIONAL MODEL OF SUCCESS FOR  
20 OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ASSIGNED IN OUR NATION. AND  
21 THIS MEANS THAT THESE ARE TERRORISTS THAT HAVE BEEN PREVENTED  
22 AND CRIMINAL ACTS THAT HAVE BEEN PRECLUDED BY THIS TYPE OF  
23 ACTION THAT CHIEF CLARK HAS BEEN ABLE TO INSTITUTE AND PROVIDE  
24 THAT LEADERSHIP FOR. AND SO, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
25 ANGELES, CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHIEF CLARK.

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4 **CHIEF CLARK:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS REALLY A WONDERFUL  
5 HONOR AND A VERY UNEXPECTED ONE. IT HAS BEEN MY ABSOLUTE HONOR  
6 AND PLEASURE TO SERVE THE CITIZENS AND THE COMMUNITIES OF LOS  
7 ANGELES COUNTY DURING MY TOUR HERE AND I'LL BE SAD TO MOVE ON  
8 BUT IT'S TIME. AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO JUST SAY THAT YOU  
9 SHOULD ALL KNOW, AS CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, YOU SHOULD  
10 BE VERY, VERY PROUD OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE LOS ANGELES  
11 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE L.A.P.D. AND ALL OF THE LOCAL  
12 POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR COUNTY BECAUSE, IN MY 30 YEARS OF  
13 LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE, THEY ARE TRULY AMERICA'S FINEST,  
14 SO YOU SHOULD BE VERY PLEASED WITH YOUR POLICE SERVICES. THANK  
15 YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COME ON. WE'LL DO A GROUP PICTURE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE A LADY WHO WAS  
20 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MULTI-BILLION-DOLLAR  
21 PENSION FUND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND THAT'S MARSHA  
22 RICHTER, FOR HER RECOGNITION OF HER HARD WORK FOR OUR COUNTY'S  
23 90,000 EMPLOYEES AND ALL OF THOSE RETIREES, WHILE SERVING AS A  
24 C.E.O. OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT  
25 ASSOCIATION, LACERA. SHE HAS A LONG HISTORY OF GOVERNMENTAL





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1 AND CIVIC AFFAIRS, AFFILIATIONS. HER PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT  
2 HISTORY INCLUDED 16 YEARS WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES  
3 RETIREMENT SYSTEM. HER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS INCLUDED THE  
4 GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, WHERE SHE WAS A  
5 MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND PAST MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE  
6 ON RETIREMENT; THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RETIREMENT  
7 SYSTEMS; AND THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.  
8 SHE PREVIOUSLY SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
9 MARYANNE FOSTAG CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL THERAPY AND AS A  
10 CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND A MEMBER OF THE FINANCE  
11 COMMITTEE AND SHE PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.  
12 IN 1994, SHE WAS APPOINTED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF LACERA,  
13 AFTER SERVING FIVE YEARS AS THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER.  
14 SHE RECEIVED HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITH HONORS FROM INDIANA  
15 UNIVERSITY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PURSUED GRADUATE STUDIES  
16 IN SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS  
17 ANGELES. A MEMBER OF PHI BETA KAPPA, SHE CURRENT IS STUDYING  
18 CREATIVE WRITING THROUGH THE U.C.L.A. WRITERS PROGRAM. NOW,  
19 HER PRESENCE WILL BE MISSED ON THE BOARD. I KNOW MY APPOINTEE,  
20 DICK WORTH, ENJOYED SERVING WITH HER BUT WE KNOW THAT SHE'S  
21 GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE INVOLVED IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES THAT  
22 AFFECT OUR COUNTY, STATE AND NATION. SO, MARSHA, THANK YOU FOR  
23 A JOB WELL DONE AND FOR PROVIDING THE LEADERSHIP AND  
24 PROTECTING THE MULTI, AND I SAY MULTI, MULTI-BILLION-DOLLAR  
25 RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SAY SOMETHING?

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4 **MARSHA RICHTER:** I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR  
5 TRACKING ME DOWN. I'VE BEEN TRAVELING A LOT, SO IT WAS HARD TO  
6 ARRANGE THIS. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE PEOPLE WHO CAME HERE FROM  
7 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LACERA. THEY SURPRISED ME BY COMING  
8 TODAY. I DIDN'T REALIZE THEY WERE GOING TO BE HERE, AND MY  
9 HUSBAND AND SON, WHOM I DRUG ALONG WITH ME. AND THEN I WOULD  
10 VERY MUCH LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES OF LOS ANGELES  
11 COUNTY, ALL OF THE RETIREES. IT WAS MY HONOR TO SERVE YOU OVER  
12 THE YEARS THAT I WORKED AT LACERA, AND I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO  
13 THANK ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOU  
14 KNOW, ONE OF THE BIG RISKS OR FEARS OF ANYONE WHO SERVES IN--  
15 AS THE HEAD OF A RETIREMENT SYSTEM IS THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE  
16 POLITICAL INTERFERENCE OR ATTEMPTS OF POLITICAL INTERFERENCE,  
17 AND I WANT TO ASSURE ALL OF YOU THAT I NEVER FELT THAT FROM  
18 THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE. THEY SHARED WITH ME THE SAME THING THAT  
19 ALL OF YOU WOULD SHARE AND THAT WAS, THEY WANTED LACERA TO BE  
20 THE STRONGEST AND THE BEST RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN THE COUNTRY SO  
21 THAT WE COULD DELIVER ON OUR DUTY TO PROVIDE THE PROMISED  
22 BENEFITS TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND RETIREES. AND SO I THANK  
23 YOU FOR THE SUPPORT THAT YOU GAVE ME OVER THE YEARS AND I KNOW  
24 THAT YOU'LL CONTINUE TO DO THAT FOR MY SUCCESSORS, AND WISH



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1 YOU ALL THE BEST. COME ON IN, THE WATER OF RETIREMENT IS  
2 GREAT! [ LAUGHTER ] THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WANT TO ADD MY CONGRATULATIONS  
5 ON A GREAT CAREER WITH THE COUNTY. THE PENSION FUND IS  
6 OBVIOUSLY AN IMPORTANT THING TO EVERY MAN AND WOMAN WHO WORKS  
7 FOR THE COUNTY. THE OLDER WE GET, THE MORE IMPORTANT IT  
8 BECOMES, AND HAVING A GOOD STEWARD AND SOMEBODY WHO CALLS THEM  
9 AS SHE SEES THEM WAS REALLY REASSURING TO ALL OF US. AND, OF  
10 ALL THE PENSION DIRECTORS I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE TO WORK WITH,  
11 NO ONE IS MORE COMPETENT AND MORE PROFESSIONAL THAN YOU'VE  
12 BEEN, MARSHA. I REALLY WISH YOU WELL. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD, MARSHA, WE ARE VERY  
15 APPRECIATIVE OF THE FACT, EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES, IT WAS  
16 ACTUARILY SOUND. AND IT HAS BEEN JUST, YOU KNOW, INCREDIBLE  
17 THAT OUR PENSION FUNDS STANDS OUT BECAUSE I KNOW A LOT OF  
18 OTHERS DIDN'T DO WELL BUT IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE KIND OF  
19 EXPERTISE YOU BROUGHT TOGETHER AND THE KIND OF STEWARDSHIP YOU  
20 HAD. CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES ON YOUR RETIREMENT. DON'T  
21 WORK TOO HARD.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** MARSHA, I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD THE SAME. I MEAN, I  
24 THINK NOT ONLY IN THE BAD TIMES BUT IN THE GOOD TIMES, YOU HAD  
25 THE DISCIPLINE NECESSARY TO MAKE SOME TOUGH DECISIONS TO KEEP



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1 US ON TRACK SO THAT, WHEN THINGS DID GO SOUTH, AND I WANT TO  
2 COMMEND YOU FOR THAT, TOO, AND YOUR FRIENDSHIP OVER THE YEARS  
3 AND YOUR STEWARDSHIP, VERY PROFESSIONAL, CLASS ACT. BEST OF  
4 ALL, ENJOY.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN AS WELL AND JUST SAY,  
7 MARSHA, I'VE ALWAYS APPRECIATED YOUR LEADERSHIP. YOU REALLY  
8 KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. I KNOW I'VE VERY  
9 RARELY HAD TO CALL YOU BUT, WHEN I HAVE, IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN  
10 UNBELIEVABLE ADVICE. YOU'RE ALWAYS ON TOP OF THINGS. I APPLAUD  
11 YOU FOR THE WORK AND THE LEADERSHIP THAT YOU PROVIDE US IN  
12 PROTECTING US ALL AND PROTECTING OUR RETIREMENT FUNDS. YOU'RE  
13 UNBELIEVABLE. I'M SORRY TO SEE YOU GO BUT BEST LUCK AND GOOD  
14 LUCK ON YOUR TRAVELS AND YOUR RETIREMENT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW ONE OF MY INTERNS, WHO IS AN HONOR  
17 STUDENT AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE AND RECEIVING HER MASTER'S  
18 IN PUBLIC POLICY FROM PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY AT THE END OF NEXT  
19 MONTH IS GOING TO BE LEAVING OUR COUNTY AND SHE'S GOING TO BE  
20 INVOLVED WITH PUBLIC WORKS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND  
21 HOPEFULLY SHE'LL GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER LIKE WE HAVE OURS IN  
22 THE COUNTY. SO SANDY, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, THANK YOU FOR  
23 BEING A GREAT INTERN IN MY OFFICE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE LULU, WHO IS 16 WEEKS OLD.  
2   SHE'S A VERY FEISTY LITTLE CRITTER. THIS IS LULU. ANYBODY'D  
3   LIKE TO ADOPT LULU? YOU CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE  
4   BOTTOM OF YOUR SCREEN, (562) 728-4644. AND LITTLE LULU-- AND,  
5   AGAIN, THIS IS ANOTHER ONE THAT LOOKS LIKE SHE SHOULD BE IN A  
6   DISNEY MOVIE, SO ANYBODY? MAYBE SANDY WOULD LIKE TO TAKE HER?

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. BURKE?

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10   **SUP. BURKE:** WE WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE ONE OTHER GROUP OF  
11   STUDENTS FROM ROP THAT-- THEY WEREN'T HERE WHEN WE DID IT  
12   BEFORE. BEVERLY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL AND THE COUNSELOR IS JOY  
13   COSTELLO, WHO IS HERE, AND WOULD THE STUDENTS FROM BEVERLY  
14   HILLS HIGH SCHOOL PLEASE STAND UP? [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16   **SUP. BURKE:** AND WINNIE JACKSON IS HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
17   FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK WITH THESE GROUPS, BOTH THE READING AND  
18   ROP.

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT  
21   OF WEST SIDE HIGH SCHOOL, I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO  
22   CONGRATULATE THE FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL LIONS FOR WINNING THE  
23   STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A NUMBER  
24   OF YEARS. COACH HARVEY KATANI IS BECOMING A LEGEND OUT THERE,  
25   MY ALMA MATER, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY BASKETBALL TEAMS



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1 WHEN I WAS GOING TO SCHOOL THERE. I COULD HAVE PLAYED CENTER  
2 FOR ALL THE HEIGHT WE HAD BUT THEY'VE DONE A GREAT JOB AND  
3 ALSO CONGRATULATE THE U.C.L.A. BRUINS FOR MAKING IT TO THE  
4 FINAL FOUR AND WISH THEM WELL IN THE WEEKEND AHEAD.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, WAIT. FOURTH DISTRICT? ARTESIA HIGH SCHOOL  
7 BACK-TO-BACK STATE CHAMPIONS. LONG BEACH POLY GIRLS, STATE  
8 CHAMPIONS.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY. ABSOLUTELY.

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING THEM UP  
15 AGAINST FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, YOU LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING ARTESIA AND  
18 U.C.L.A. IS WHAT YOU...

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, WE'RE WORKING ON THAT, TOO.  
21 ALL RIGHT. WE'LL GO TO THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I DO MINE?

24





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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.  
2   BEFORE WE GET TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

3

4   **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M NOT PRESENTING ANY KIND OF SPORTS CHAMPION.  
5   I'M INSTEAD PRESENTING AN EDUCATIONAL CHAMPION. I AM JOINED  
6   THIS MORNING BY A VERY, VERY DYNAMIC AND INSPIRING EDUCATOR,  
7   GEORGE A. HERRERA. HE IS FROM NORTHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN  
8   VALINDA. WE WANT TO WELCOME ALSO MARIA OTT AGAIN. SHE'S  
9   JOINING US AS WELL. SHE IS, OF COURSE, THE ROWLAND UNIFIED  
10   SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, AS WELL AS THE PRINCIPAL.  
11   HELEN BENAVIDEZ, OKAY, RIGHT BEHIND ME HERE. AFTER WORKING  
12   WITH AT-RISK STUDENTS, GEORGE HERRERA FELT A CALLING TO TEACH.  
13   HE BLENDED HIS TALENTS IN THE ARTS WITH HIS LOVE OF CULTURE  
14   AND LANGUAGES AND BECAME AN EDUCATOR. SINCE 1991, GEORGE HAS  
15   TAUGHT THE FOURTH GRADE AT NORTHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HIS  
16   INEXHAUSTIBLE ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM AND HIS STRONG BELIEF IN  
17   ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR ALL HIS STUDENTS HAS BEEN TRULY  
18   INSPIRATIONAL. GEORGE TEACHES WITH UNBELIEVABLE ENERGY AND  
19   VIGOR. HE DEEPLY VALUES LITERACY, WHICH HE BELIEVES GENUINELY  
20   ENHANCES OUR HUMANITY. TODAY, WE HONOR THIS FINE EDUCATOR AND  
21   ACKNOWLEDGE HIS MANY OTHER DISTINGUISHED AWARDS. HE HAS BEEN  
22   RECOGNIZED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF BILINGUAL  
23   DIRECTORS AS THE OUTSTANDING TEACHER. FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS,  
24   HE WAS NAMED DISTINGUISHED STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR BY THE  
25   CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF BILINGUAL EDUCATION. GEORGE RECEIVED



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1 THE W.I.T. STATE AWARD FOR WISDOM, INSPIRATION, AND TENACITY,  
2 AND HE'S ALSO THE RECIPIENT OF THE AMERICAN LITERACY AWARD  
3 FROM THE CALIFORNIA READERS ASSOCIATION. GEORGE, WE WANT TO  
4 APPLAUD YOU FOR THE OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP THAT YOU PROVIDE TO  
5 ALL OF OUR CHILDREN AND INSPIRE THEM, YOUR DEDICATION TO  
6 LITERACY AND EDUCATING THEM EVERY DAY. THIS BOARD IS REALLY  
7 HONORED TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO YOU AND HONOR ALL OF THE  
8 CONTRIBUTIONS YOU HAVE MADE TO ALL OF US. CONGRATULATIONS,  
9 GEORGE. THANK YOU, SIR. [ APPLAUSE ]

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF WE COULD ALL TAKE A PICTURE. I'M GOING TO ASK  
12 OUR PRINCIPAL TO SAY A FEW WORDS BEFORE I INVITE GEORGE UP TO  
13 SPEAK.

14

15 **HELEN BENAVIDEZ:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THIS GREAT  
16 HONOR THAT YOU ARE BLESSING GEORGE WITH. ON BEHALF OF NORTHHAM  
17 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, HE IS  
18 JUST-- HAS INEXHAUSTIBLE ENERGY AND YOU'RE ALL WELCOME TO COME  
19 AND VISIT HIS CLASSROOM. I'M OPENING IT UP FOR EVERYONE TO  
20 COME IN AND VISIT. HE JUST DOES AN AWESOME JOB, NOT JUST FOR  
21 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS BUT FOR ALL STUDENTS. THANK YOU FOR  
22 THIS HONOR.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, LET ME INTRODUCE GEORGE HERRERA TO YOU,  
25 OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF THE YEAR.



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2 **GEORGE HERRERA:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. THE FIRST  
3 THING I WANT TO TELL YOU IS A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO GLORIA  
4 MOLINA, CERTAINLY TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO MY  
5 SUPERINTENDENT, DR. OTT, AND TO THE BOARD WHO HAS GIVEN US A  
6 VISION TO FOLLOW. I AM VERY APPRECIATIVE TO RECEIVE AN AWARD  
7 BUT ALL OF US EDUCATORS KNOW THAT THERE ARE SO MANY MORE  
8 PEOPLE THAT WORK SO MUCH HARDER THAN I DO. THIS IS JUST A  
9 REFLECTIVE OF-- THE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF ALL THE EDUCATORS TO  
10 SUPPORT THE VISIONS. MY LIFE HAS BEEN TOUCHED BY SO MANY  
11 AMAZING PEOPLE, MOST OF THEM EDUCATORS. I REMEMBER SITTING IN  
12 A CLASSROOM WITH A TEACHER THAT TOLD ME THAT ACCUMULATED  
13 FEATHERS WILL SINK THE BOAT, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I CAN  
14 STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY AND SAY THAT I KNOW FOR CERTAIN IS THAT  
15 COLLECTIVE EFFORTS WILL RAISE THE TITANIC. THANK YOU SO VERY  
16 MUCH. MY CAREER STARTED, BY THE WAY, RIGHT DOWN THE STREET AT  
17 THE BILINGUAL FOUNDATION OF THE ARTS THAT I GOT A REALLY GOOD  
18 UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF-- THE CULTURAL PLACE IN THE  
19 LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND, AGAIN, I ACCEPT THIS BUT I ACCEPT  
20 THIS ON BEHALF OF ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES WHO WORK SO HARD. IT  
21 TRULY IS A COLLECTIVE EFFORT. AND, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,  
22 THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU, SIR.

25



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THAT'S-- I THINK THAT'S IT.  
2    ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO TO THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. ITEM NUMBER  
3    1.

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5    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO START WITH ITEM NUMBER 1  
6    OR 1-H?

7  
8    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 1-H.

9  
10   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE  
11   BOARD ON ITEMS 1-H AND ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5, PLEASE STAND AND  
12   RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. [ ADMINISTERING OATH ]

13  
14   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. ON ITEM 1-H,  
15   I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE  
16   HEARING TO CONSIDER THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S AGENCY PLAN WHICH  
17   CONSISTS OF THE FIVE YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2004 THROUGH  
18   2008 WITH AN AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE GOALS RELATING TO THE  
19   VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT AND PROJECT BASED VOUCHERS AND THE  
20   ANNUAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008 WHICH UPDATES THE  
21   HOUSING AUTHORITY'S PROGRAM GOALS, MAJOR POLICIES AND  
22   FINANCIAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE CAPITAL FUND ANNUAL  
23   STATEMENT AND THE FIVE-YEAR ACTION PLAN, ADMISSION AND  
24   CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLICY FOR THE CONVENTIONAL PUBLIC HOUSING



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1 PROGRAM, THE PUBLIC HOUSING LEASE AGREEMENT AND SECTION 8,  
2 TENANT BASED PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO  
5 WANT TO BE HEARD, AND WE'RE GOING TO, IN THE INTEREST OF  
6 TODAY'S LONG MEETING, WE'LL HAVE TWO MINUTES PER SPEAKER  
7 TODAY, OKAY? ARTHUR ROCHELLE, ELAINE CHEN AND MARY MARTINEZ.  
8 ARE THEY HERE? COME ON DOWN. THERE ARE ENOUGH SEATS FOR ALL OF  
9 YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. YOU WANT TO BEGIN?

12

13 **ELAINE CHEN:** SURE. GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD.

16

17 **ELAINE CHEN:** MY NAME IS ELAINE CHEN, I'M WITH NEIGHBORHOOD  
18 LEGAL SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING  
19 ME TO COMMENT. NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES IS A NONPROFIT  
20 LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDER THAT SERVES INDIGENT CLIENTS IN THE  
21 ANTELOPE VALLEYS, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY.  
22 ALONG WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL LAW CENTER AND THE NATIONAL HOUSING  
23 LAW PROJECT, WE PREPARED WRITTEN COMMENTS TO SUBMIT TO THE  
24 BOARD TODAY AND I HAVE COPIES OF THOSE. BECAUSE OF THE TIME  
25 LIMITATION, I'M ONLY GOING TO BE ADDRESSING A FEW OF THE ITEMS



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1 WE ADDRESSED IN THE WRITTEN COMMENTS. OF COURSE, WE'D BE HAPPY  
2 TO SPEAK WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OR ANYONE ELSE REGARDING  
3 ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS THAT WE'VE RAISED. FIRST, WE'D LIKE  
4 TO COMMEND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR RECOGNIZING THAT IT NEEDS  
5 TO AMEND THE AGENCY PLAN AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH REGARD TO  
6 THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT. AS YOU KNOW, THE VIOLENCE  
7 AGAINST WOMEN AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF  
8 2005 REQUIRES THAT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING  
9 VIOLENCE AND STALKING, AS WELL AS THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY  
10 MEMBERS WHO LIVE IN H.U.D.-ASSISTED HOUSING BE PROTECTED FROM  
11 LOSING THEIR HOUSING AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE ABUSE. AS SUCH,  
12 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY MUST ADOPT POLICIES THAT WILL PROTECT  
13 VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WHILE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S  
14 ANNUAL PLAN HAS STATED THAT IT'S IMPLEMENTING THESE  
15 REQUIREMENTS, WE DO NOT SEE THOSE REQUIREMENTS IN THE  
16 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN OR THE ACOP, THE ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED  
17 OCCUPANCY PLAN. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE POLICIES AND PLANS MUST  
18 INCLUDE DEFINITIONS, POLICIES REGARDING THE DENIAL OF  
19 ADMISSION, TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE, TERMINATION OF TENANCY,  
20 PORTABILITY, CERTIFICATION, CONFIDENTIALITY AND NOTIFICATION.  
21 ALL OF THESE PROVISIONS ARE PROVIDED IN THE STATUTES AND WE  
22 HAVE PROVIDED MINOR REVISIONS TO THE STATUTORY LANGUAGE THAT  
23 CAN BE COPIED AND PLACED INTO THE APPROPRIATE PLANS.

24  
25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU.





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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, WAIT, WAIT JUST A SECOND.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU JUST SUBMITTED THIS 27-PAGE DOCUMENT?

7

8 **ELAINE CHEN:** I DO WANT TO MENTION THAT WE HAD DIFFICULTY  
9 ACCESSING THE PLAN. WE-- UNLIKE PREVIOUS YEARS, LEGAL SERVICES  
10 ORGANIZATIONS WERE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE AND...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU WEREN'T NOTIFIED THIS TIME?

13

14 **ELAINE CHEN:** NO.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS. THERE'S A WHOLE BUNCH OF  
17 STUFF IN IT AND I'M VERY INTERESTED IN THIS PLAN SUCCEEDING  
18 AND WE JUST GOT THIS 27-PAGE DOCUMENT. MY STAFF SAID THEY'VE  
19 NEVER SEEN IT. I THINK IT HAS ISSUES THAT I HAVE CONCERNS  
20 WITH, AS WELL AS ISSUES THAT PROBABLY I WOULD LIKE TO SEE  
21 AMENDED BUT...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHY DON'T WE CONTINUE IT?

24



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CONTINUE IT, BUT THE  
2   ISSUE IS THAT WE HAVE TO APPROVE IT BY A CERTAIN DATE, DON'T  
3   WE? WHERE'S CARLOS AT?

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** RICK?

6

7   **RICHARD WEISS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I BELIEVE THAT  
8   THE RESOLUTION HAS TO BE SUBMITTED TO H.U.D. BY APRIL 17TH.

9

10   **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY WASN'T THIS PLAN GIVEN TO FOLKS? I MEAN, THIS  
11   IS VERY EXTENSIVE. I DON'T APPRECIATE-- I MEAN, WE'RE  
12   SCHEDULED TO APPROVE IT WITH THIS PUBLIC HEARING BUT THIS HAS  
13   27 PAGES.

14

15   **ELAINE CHEN:** I DO APOLOGIZE FOR THE DELAY...

16

17   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I APPRECIATE THAT BUT IF THERE WAS A  
18   PROBLEM...

19

20   **CARLOS JACKSON:** SUPERVISOR, THE PLAN WAS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW.  
21   WE DID A 45 NOTICE-- 45 DAYS' NOTICE FROM DECEMBER 29 TO  
22   FEBRUARY 11TH AND WE HAVE RECEIVED OTHER COMMENTS AS WELL BUT  
23   WE DIDN'T RECEIVE A COMMENT FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL  
24   SERVICES. BUT IT WAS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND IT WAS  
25   CIRCULATED.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW WAS IT AVAILABLE? WAS IT ON YOUR WEBSITE OR  
3 WHAT?

4

5 **CARLOS JACKSON:** LET ME JUST ASK MY STAFF REAL QUICK ON THAT  
6 ONE.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I'M SORRY, YOU CAN GO AHEAD WITH THE  
9 REST OF THE TESTIMONY.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE ONE MORE  
12 PERSON. MARY MARTINEZ. WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND SPEAK?

13

14 **MARY MARTINEZ:** OKAY. MY NAME IS MARY MARTINEZ, AND I RECEIVED  
15 THAT "TENANTS TALK" AND I'M ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF SECTION 8  
16 HOUSING, AND I FIGURED IF I PAID MY \$15 ACROSS THE STREET TO  
17 PARK I WOULD GET MY NERVE UP AND SPEAK. IT SAYS HERE IN THIS  
18 PAPER, "TO BETTER SERVE THE PUBLIC", I'M THE PUBLIC. I LIVE IN  
19 MRS. MOLINA'S DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF WHITTIER INCORPORATED  
20 AREA, AND MY PLACE WAS REEXAMINED AND, FOR 20 YEARS, IT PASSED  
21 AND IT DID NOT PASS NOW AND I'M CONCERNED THAT I MIGHT NOT  
22 HAVE A PLACE TO LIVE IF-- BECAUSE I DO KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN  
23 A PROBLEM WITH THE OWNER. IT WAS H.U.D., THEN SECTION 8, AND  
24 HE WOULD PREFER THERE NOT TO BE SECTION 8. I USED TO WORK DOWN  
25 SKID ROW AND I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE FOR PEOPLE TO BE HOMELESS,



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1 WOMEN INCLUDED. I NEED-- I HAVE ASKED AND ASKED TO PLEASE HAVE  
2 MY APARTMENT FIXED SO THAT I DO NOT HAVE TO LEAVE AND I CANNOT  
3 GET THE MANAGEMENT AND ALL I KNOW IS THAT NEXT-- NOT THIS  
4 FRIDAY BUT NEXT FRIDAY, IT'S GOING TO BE REEXAMINED AND I'M  
5 SCARED THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE ME LEAVE BECAUSE THEY CANNOT-- THE  
6 MANAGEMENT DOESN'T FIX THE PROBLEM.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. PERHAPS...

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** PERHAPS IF YOU WOULD HAVE CALLED US, WE COULD  
11 HAVE HELPED YOU BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU STEP OVER HERE AND  
12 SPEAK TO ANITA, WHO WILL HELP YOU WITH IT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, A MEMBER OF YOUR STAFF COULD  
15 HELP. THANKS, MS. MARTINEZ.

16

17 **MARY MARTINEZ:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE WHO  
20 WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? MR. ROCHELLE? NOT HERE. OKAY.  
21 MR. JACKSON?

22

23 **MARISELLA CRABBE:** MY NAME IS MARISELLA CRABBE ON STAFF FOR THE  
24 HOUSING AUTHORITY. THE AGENCY PLAN WAS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE  
25 HOCOLA WEB SITE. IT WAS ALSO-- AND WE ALSO PUBLIC NOTICED AND



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1 WE WERE AVAILABLE IN, I THINK IT WAS ABOUT 17 LIBRARIES AND  
2 ABOUT NINE OF OUR HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN L.A. COUNTY.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHAT ABOUT INFORMING ADVOCATES FOR AFFORDABLE  
5 HOUSING AND PEOPLE THAT ARE ADVOCATES FOR FOLKS ON PUBLIC  
6 ASSISTANCE?

7

8 **MARISELLA CRABBE:** WE SENT-- FIRST OF ALL, WE SENT NOTICES TO  
9 ALL OUR RESIDENTS, INCLUDING ALL OUR SECTION 8 PARTICIPANTS  
10 AND OUR PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS THAT THE PUBLIC COMMENT  
11 PERIOD WAS OCCURRING AND ALLOWING THEM TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A  
12 PUBLIC COMMENT, EITHER VIA MAIL, THEY COULD CALL US AT A 1-800  
13 NUMBER OR ALSO MAKE A COMMENT IN THE HOCOLA WEBSITE, AND WE  
14 ALSO PUBLIC NOTICED IN VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS ANNOUNCING THE 45-  
15 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND THE AVAILABILITY OF THE  
16 DOCUMENTS.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** HUH.

19

20 **ELAINE CHEN:** CAN I RESPOND?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SURE.

23

24 **ELAINE CHEN:** OKAY. OUR AGENCIES DID TRY TO OBTAIN COPIES OF  
25 THE AGENCY PLAN AND ANNUAL PLAN. WE HAD CONTACTED THE TOLL-



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1 FREE NUMBER AND WERE PUT INTO A VOICE MAIL WHERE WE LEFT  
2 MESSAGES. I DID NOT RECEIVE A CALL BACK BASED UPON THAT  
3 MESSAGE. I HAD TO CALL SEVERAL TIMES TO TRY TO FIND OUT IF  
4 THERE WAS A PUBLIC NOTICE, TO OBTAIN THAT PUBLIC NOTICE  
5 FINALLY FROM MARISELLA CRABBE. I WAS FINALLY DIRECT TO HER  
6 OFFICE, AFTER CONTACTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE. WE  
7 WERE NOT SENT NOTIFICATION, AS THE AGENCY HAD DONE IN THE  
8 PAST. NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES HAS PROVIDED COMMENTS IN THE  
9 PAST, AS WELL AS OTHER HOUSING ADVOCATES IN THE COMMUNITY. AND  
10 SO I WOULD EXPECT THAT, WITH OUTREACH EFFORTS THAT ARE  
11 REASONABLE, THAT WOULD INCLUDE SUCH NOTICE TO ADVOCATES.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO MAKE A  
14 SUGGESTION, STIPULATE THAT YOU DIDN'T GET IT ON TIME OR  
15 WHATEVER REASON YOU GOT IT TO US TODAY, WE DO HAVE THE TIME,  
16 YOU WANT TO PUT IT OVER A WEEK...

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I DO BUT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THIS OFFICE  
19 AND HOW THEY'RE HANDLING IT. FIRST OF ALL, WE'VE LOST ALL THIS  
20 MONEY BECAUSE OF HIS MISMANAGEMENT AND I HOPE CARLOS, I MEAN,  
21 I'M WILLING TO LOOK AT THIS PLAN BUT I'M VERY, VERY CONCERNED.  
22 IT STILL DOES NOT TELL US HOW WE'RE REALLY GOING TO MANAGE AN  
23 EFFECTIVE PLAN FOR THE PEOPLE-- I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ALL THESE  
24 DETAILS RIGHT NOW BUT I AM CONCERNED BECAUSE IT IS VERY  
25 BUREAUCRATIC AND YET THE PEOPLE IN NEED HAVE TO FIGURE OUT AND





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1 NAVIGATE THROUGH IT, JUST LIKE THIS WOMAN WHO I'M SURE DOESN'T  
2 EVEN KNOW HOW TO RESOLVE HER ISSUES. THERE SHOULD BE SOME  
3 GUIDANCE TO HER, RIGHT?

4

5 **CARLOS:** YES.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHY ISN'T THERE?

8

9 **CARLOS:** WELL, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR, WE PROVIDE INFORMATION  
10 BOTH TO THE LANDLORD, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, AND TO THE  
11 TENANT ABOUT THE PROCESSES...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO WHAT IS IT? THE LANDLORD DOESN'T WANT TO  
14 BECOME SECTION 8 ANY MORE?

15

16 **CARLOS:** I DON'T KNOW THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES ON THIS ONE  
17 BUT LET'S ASSUME THAT HE'S NOT WILLING TO DO THE IMPROVEMENTS.  
18 IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY, THEN, TO FAIL THE UNIT IF WE CAN'T  
19 REACH THE LANDLORD AND SAY, YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW, WHAT ARE THE  
20 ISSUES? HE MAY SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, I CAN EITHER GET MORE  
21 MONEY...

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHAT HAPPENS TO HER IF SHE GETS BOUNCED FROM  
24 THIS UNIT?

25



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1 **CARLOS:** SHE WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER  
2 UNIT. SHE WOULD NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAM. SHE'D JUST  
3 HAVE TO LOCATE ANOTHER UNIT THAT WOULD...

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON HER OWN.

6

7 **CARLOS:** ON HER OWN.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO SHE WALKS AROUND WITH HER VOUCHER UNTIL  
10 SOMEBODY-- SHE CAN FIND SOMETHING. IN THE INTERIM, WHAT DOES  
11 SHE DO?

12

13 **CARLOS:** IN THE INTERIM, BETWEEN WHICH...

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW. WHEN DOES SHE GET KICKED OUT OF  
16 THIS? I MEAN, DO YOU GIVE HER THREE MONTHS TO LOOK?

17

18 **CARLOS:** WELL, THEY GET AN ADVANCED NOTICE AS TO-- THE LANDLORD  
19 AND THE TENANT GET A NOTICE AS TO WHEN THE INSPECTION WILL  
20 TAKE PLACE. IT MAY BE TWO MONTHS, THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF  
21 THE EFFECTIVE DATE WHEN THE CONTRACT TERMINATES. SO, DURING  
22 THAT PERIOD OF TIME, LIKE NOW, WE'RE COMPLETING ALL OF OUR  
23 INSPECTIONS TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE--  
24 THE ANNIVERSARY DATE OF THE CONTRACT. SO THERE'S AMPLE TIME IN  
25 THERE TO TRY TO BRING A RESOLUTION TO THAT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHAT DO YOU DO? ONCE YOU COMPLETE THE  
3 INSPECTION, WHAT DO YOU DO?

4

5 **CARLOS:** IF THE INSPECTION PASS, WE NOTIFY BOTH PARTIES.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF IT DOESN'T?

8

9 **CARLOS:** THEN THEY AS WELL BE NOTIFIED. THEY HAVE 30 DAYS TO  
10 REMEDY THE SITUATION.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IF THEY DON'T?

13

14 **CARLOS:** THEN WE HAVE TO ABATE THE PROPERTY.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT'S ALL YOU DO? YOU DON'T PROVIDE GUIDANCE  
17 COUNSELING, ASSISTANCE OR ANYTHING?

18

19 **CARLOS:** NOW, ONE OF THE THAT RECOMMENDATIONS I'LL BE MAKING AS  
20 A RESULT OF SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION A COUPLE WEEKS AGO WAS  
21 THAT, IF WE COULD GIVE ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE HOUSING LOCATION  
22 ASSISTANCE TO VOUCHER HOLDERS WHO ARE COMPETING RIGHT NOW IN A  
23 REAL TIGHT MARKET BECAUSE IT REALLY REQUIRES ONE-ON-ONE  
24 COUNSELING. WE DID HAVE GENERAL COUNSELING FOR THE  
25 PARTICIPANTS BUT IT'S NOT SUFFICIENT BECAUSE YOU REALLY NEED



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1 TO WORK ON INDIVIDUAL CASES, AND WE JUST DON'T HAVE THOSE TYPE  
2 OF RESOURCES FOR THAT PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, WE HAVE LESS RESOURCES NOW BECAUSE OF THE  
5 MISMANAGEMENT, RIGHT?

6

7 **CARLOS:** WELL, PARTIALLY IT'S BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT  
8 WE HAVE, PARTIALLY ALSO BECAUSE OF THE NEW FORMULA AS WELL. SO  
9 IT WASN'T ENTIRELY ALL PREDICATED ON THE MISMANAGEMENT, AS  
10 YOU...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WHEN THIS PLAN COMES BACK, ONE OF THE  
13 THINGS THAT I WANT TO KNOW IS I WANT TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE  
14 MAXIMIZE THE MINIMUM FUNDS THAT WE HAVE. I AM VERY CONCERNED  
15 ABOUT HAVING LOST SO MUCH MONEY AND WE ARE IN A TIGHT MARKET  
16 AND SO THAT TIGHTNESS REQUIRES-- IT SQUEEZES THE POOREST  
17 PEOPLE OUT. THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. AND IT'S USUALLY  
18 SENIORS, IT'S PEOPLE WITHOUT THE KIND OF INCOME THAT CAN  
19 SUSTAIN RENTS IN SOME OF THESE AREAS. SO THERE'S SOMETHING WE  
20 NEED TO DO. NOW, I, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, WAS CONCERNED ABOUT  
21 THAT SANTA CLARITA PROPERTY AND WHAT WAS GOING ON THERE AND  
22 I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT HOW WE VERIFY, HOW WE MAINTAIN OUR  
23 RECORDS, HOW WE MANAGE THE SYSTEM, AND IT REALLY NEEDS TO HAVE  
24 MUCH BETTER SCRUTINY. THIS IS, AS I CONSIDER IT, POOR PEOPLE'S  
25 MONEY WHICH IS SO HARD. WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO WASHINGTON, D.C.



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1 TO ADVOCATE FOR GETTING MORE FUNDS IN ORDER TO OPERATE MANY OF  
2 THESE PROGRAMS, BEING ABLE TO COME BACK AND THEN SAY WE'RE  
3 MISMANAGING, HUD TAKES IT AWAY BECAUSE OF MISTAKES WE MAKE,  
4 IT'S JUST NOT ACCEPTABLE. AND THE WORST PART ABOUT IT IS NOW  
5 WE HAVE LESS MONEY SO IT'S GOING TO COST US MORE BECAUSE OF  
6 THE UNAVAILABILITY. AND SO I NEED A PLAN OF HOW WE'RE GOING --  
7 NOT A BUREAUCRATIC H.U.D. PLAN, WHICH IS ALL I HAVE HERE. I  
8 NEED A PLAN AS TO HOW THIS DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO PICK ITSELF  
9 UP AND START TRULY ASSISTING PEOPLE WITHOUT MAKING THE EXCUSES  
10 THAT WE DON'T HAVE COUNSELORS, WE DON'T HAVE THIS, WE DON'T  
11 HAVE THAT. I THINK YOU'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO DO IT BECAUSE I  
12 DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR PEOPLE ARE DOING. THEY CERTAINLY ARE NOT  
13 DOING WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING.

14

15 **CARLOS:** SUPERVISOR, THIS PLAN IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN THAT  
16 WE ANNUALLY HAVE TO SUBMIT WHICH OUTLINES THE POLICIES AND THE  
17 ACTIVITIES OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** ARE MEANINGLESS, CARLOS.

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21 **CARLOS:** SUPERVISOR...

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WILL FOLLOW YOUR POLICY ALL THE WAY TO THE END  
24 AND YOUR PEOPLE VIOLATE YOUR OWN POLICY.

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1   **CARLOS:** BUT SIMULTANEOUSLY WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON A MANAGEMENT  
2   PLAN THAT I HAVE SHARED WITH THE STAFF OF ALL THE BOARD  
3   OFFICES ABOUT WHAT IMPROVEMENTS, WHAT ACTIVITIES WE HAVE  
4   UNDERTAKEN TO CORRECT WHAT I CONSIDER VERY EMBARRASSING  
5   SITUATION FOR US.

6

7   **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE'S NO DOUBT, AND I CAN APPRECIATE THAT BUT  
8   MY CONCERN IS, IS WE HAVE TO HAVE A STRATEGY. I KNOW THAT  
9   THERE'S H.U.D. GUIDELINES BUT WHAT IS OUR OWN STRATEGY TO  
10   MAXIMIZE THESE DOLLARS AND MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE-- I MEAN, SO  
11   YOU GIVE PEOPLE A LITTLE VOUCHER, THEY WALK AROUND KNOCKING ON  
12   DOORS. "CAN YOU BE A SECTION 8?" WHAT IS THAT? I MEAN, NOW  
13   WE'RE ADDING MORE PEOPLE. WE'RE ADDING VETERANS WHO ARE GOING  
14   TO KNOCK OFF A BUNCH OF PEOPLE FROM THE TOP AND THAT'S A GOOD  
15   THING, WE SHOULD, AND NOW VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BUT THE  
16   POOL IS SMALLER. AND, I MEAN, THERE'S SENIOR CITIZENS, THERE'S  
17   SINGLE MOMS, THERE'S ALL KINDS OF STUFF. SO I DO WANT TO  
18   CONTINUE THIS. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS. I JUST GOT  
19   IT. I WANT TO READ IT. BUT I AM REALLY CONCERNED AND I'M TIRED  
20   OF THE BUREAUCRATIC RESPONSE THAT MY STAFF GETS. I MEAN, EVEN  
21   IN THE ANSWERS TO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WE RECEIVED,  
22   "H.U.D. REGULATIONS SAY BLANK, BLANK, BLANK." "H.U.D. SAYS  
23   THIS", "H.U.D. SAYS THAT". WHAT DO WE SAY? WHAT DO WE SAY?  
24   THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT WE ADMINISTER. THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT  
25   THERE IS SOME H.U.D. MONEY BUT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO CREATE





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1 SOME POLICIES HERE THAT NEED TO BE HONORED WITH RESPECT TO  
2 L.A. COUNTY. THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT. AND I DON'T SEE  
3 US DOING THAT. AND IF WE'RE BASICALLY WATER CARRIERS FOR BAD  
4 H.U.D. POLICY, THEN YOU NEED TO TELL US IN THIS PLAN.

5

6 **CARLOS:** THE RESPONSES THAT I'VE PROVIDED TO YOUR STAFF  
7 YESTERDAY WERE STRICTLY WHAT, STATUTORILY, WE ARE ABLE TO DO.  
8 BUT, IN TERMS OF THE PAST TWO MONTHS, SUPERVISOR, I'VE BEEN  
9 INFORMING YOUR STAFF ABOUT THE DIFFERENT STRATEGIES AND  
10 ACTIVITIES THAT WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO TRY TO TURN THIS THING  
11 AROUND AND WE ARE TURNING IT AROUND BUT THERE ARE LIMITS IN  
12 WHAT WE CAN DO. FOR INSTANCE, ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WAS  
13 ASKED, "CAN WE CONTROL THE NUMBER OF UNITS-- I MEAN, THE UNIT  
14 SIZE VOUCHERS?" WE'RE NOT ABLE TO DO THAT. PRIORLY[SIC], WE  
15 COULD DO THAT BUT WE CAN'T NOW. WE BASE IT ON WHOEVER COMES  
16 OFF THAT WAITING LIST, WHATEVER THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES ARE...

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IF THERE IS A FAMILY OF 10, YOU HAVE TO FIND  
19 ME A 5 AND 6 BEDROOM HOUSE?

20

21 **CARLOS:** IF THE FAMILY OF 10 QUALIFY FOR A 5-BEDROOM, THEN THEY  
22 ARE ISSUED A 5-BEDROOM VOUCHER, AND THEY WILL HAVE TO LOOK FOR  
23 SOMETHING THAT WILL ACCOMMODATE THEM. I HAVE NO CHOICE TO SAY,  
24 "YOU NEED TO LOOK FOR SOMETHING FOR TWO BEDROOMS" OR, YOU  
25 KNOW, "FAMILY, YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AT THIS POINT."



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY NOT?

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4 **CARLOS:** BECAUSE, AGAIN, THE FEDERAL LAW.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY NOT?

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8 **CARLOS:** FEDERAL LAW STATES THAT WE HAVE TO...

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THAT YOU NEED TO START LOOKING AT FINDING  
11 A WAY THAT WE CAN CREATE A HOUSING POLICY THAT MAKES SENSE. I  
12 MEAN, RENTING AN \$800,000 HOUSE TO SOMEBODY IS INAPPROPRIATE.  
13 IT'S JUST, ON THE FACE, INAPPROPRIATE. AGAIN, I WANT TO DO IT  
14 WITHIN POLICY BECAUSE WE'RE JUST-- ALL WE'RE DOING IS  
15 INTERPRETING FEDERAL GUIDELINES. I DON'T KNOW THAT PEOPLE KNOW  
16 THIS. I MEAN, WE'RE GOING TO END UP LOOKING IRRESPONSIBLE AT  
17 THE END OF THE DAY, NOT VERIFYING EXACTLY-- JUST SAY, YOU  
18 KNOW, WHATEVER THEY PROVIDE US THE INFORMATION ON. I MEAN,  
19 COME ON, THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT KNOW HOW TO JIMMY THE  
20 SYSTEM AND WE SEEM TO BE SITTING DUCKS FOR THEM.

21

22 **CARLOS:** NO, SUPERVISOR, WE JUST DON'T TAKE THEIR WORD FOR  
23 WHAT'S PROVIDED TO US. WE DO NOT. IF SOMEONE IS ON PUBLIC  
24 ASSISTANCE, WE WORK WITH D.P.S.S. AND GAIN AND CONFIRM  
25 INFORMATION WITH THEM, AND WE ALSO CONFIRM INCOME



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1 VERIFICATION, BOTH WITH H.U.D. INFORMATION AND WITH ANOTHER  
2 SOURCE THAT WE HAVE, BESIDES THE PARTICIPANT'S OR THE  
3 APPLICANT'S INFORMATION.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO WHEN YOU HEARD THAT THIS FAMILY OF 7 WAS  
6 LIVING ON \$19,000 A YEAR, THAT WAS BELIEVABLE TO YOU?

7

8 **CARLOS:** BASED ON THE INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED

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10 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THAT WAS BELIEVABLE TO YOU?

11

12 **CARLOS:** IT-- THE INFORMATION VERIFIED BY OTHER SOURCES THAT WE  
13 GOT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT, ON ITS FACE, IT'S NOT  
16 BELIEVABLE.

17

18 **CARLOS:** WELL, I ONLY CAN SAY THAT, BASED ON OUR SOURCES THAT  
19 WE USE, IT VERIFIED THE INFORMATION. NOW, THE QUESTION IF IT'S  
20 BELIEVABLE OR NOT, IT'S REALLY A QUESTION OF VERIFICATION.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S RIGHT AND, AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT WAS  
23 FRAUDULENT, WASN'T IT?

24



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1   **CARLOS:** WELL, THAT'S STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION. I WISH I COULD  
2   SHARE MORE INFORMATION ON THAT...

3

4   **SUP. MOLINA:** I WISH YOU COULD, TOO, BUT THE POINT IS THAT IT'S  
5   JUST, ON ITS FACE, IS NOT BELIEVABLE.

6

7   **CARLOS:** RE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THAT PARTICULAR CASE HAS  
8   MULTIPLE FACETS TO IT THAT I DON'T THINK WOULD BE APPROPRIATE  
9   TO DISCUSS IT PUBLICLY.

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO DO THE NEEDS OF L.A. COUNTY'S AFFORDABLE  
12   HOUSING. WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING THAT'S MORE EFFECTIVE, A  
13   PLAN. THERE'S NO DOUBT-- RESPOND TO THE H.U.D. PLAN BUT  
14   INTRODUCE A PLAN TO US THAT MAKES SENSE, THAT HAS COMMON SENSE  
15   IN IT, THAT MAKES SENSE TO US, THAT CREATES PRIORITIES FOR US,  
16   THAT TALKS ABOUT HOW WE CAN BETTER LOOK AT THESE FUNDS, HOW WE  
17   CAN LEVERAGE SOME OF THIS. SOME OF IT CAN BE DONE. WE CAN ASK  
18   FOR SOMETHING AND ASK FOR A WAIVER ON SOME OF THIS STUFF.  
19   OTHER CITIES AND OTHER COUNTIES HAVE DONE IT. NOW, WE HAVE THE  
20   ONE OF THE BEST MANAGED HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTIES THAT WE  
21   KNOW AND I KNOW IT BECAUSE I'VE BEEN AT THE CITY AND OTHER  
22   PLACES WHERE THAT HASN'T BEEN THE CASE BUT STILL WE ARE  
23   STRUGGLING, WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO APPORTION OUT  
24   THIS AFFORDABLE SECTION 8. THERE IS A LONG LIST AND THE LIST  
25   IS GETTING LONGER AND THE NEEDS ARE GETTING GREATER, WHICH IS



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1 WHY WE NEED TO SCRUTINIZE, UNDERSTAND AND FIND A WAY TO MAKE  
2 IT WORK, AND THAT'S WHAT I DON'T SEE COMING OUT OF THE  
3 DEPARTMENT. I SEE A RESPONSE TO H.U.D. GUIDELINES. THAT'S ALL  
4 I GET. BUT NOT TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO BE A LITTLE BIT  
5 MORE EFFECTIVE AND CREATIVE OR FINDING A WAY OF THINGS TO DO.  
6 I HAVE NO IDEA. I'M ON MY WAY TO WASHINGTON, D.C. IN A MONTH  
7 TO GO AND TALK ABOUT HEALTHCARE COVERAGE AND ALSO THE OTHER  
8 NEEDS BUT I DO NOT HAVE A PLAN OF ACTION, AN AGENDA OR ANYONE  
9 I CAN TALK ABOUT THE ISSUES OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN L.A.  
10 COUNTY. AND THAT SHOULDN'T BE THE CASE.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I'M WILLING TO CONTINUE IT BUT, I MEAN, I  
15 DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I CAN CONTINUE IT BEFORE HE HAS TO  
16 SUBMIT...

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, I THINK WE SHOULD AT LEAST  
19 GIVE ENOUGH TIME FOR US TO-- AND FOR MR. JACKSON AND HIS STAFF  
20 TO REVIEW THE SUBMISSION BY MS. CHEN'S GROUP AND PERHAPS-- ONE  
21 WEEK BE ENOUGH FOR YOU?

22

23 **CARLOS:** YEAH, ONE WEEK BE...

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S CONTINUE IT FOR  
2   ONE WEEK. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. THE ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED FOR  
3   ONE WEEK.

4

5   **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE ONE FAST QUESTION.

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7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY, MS. BURKE, YOU DID.

8

9   **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT CAN WE DO IMMEDIATELY TO TRY TO GET THE  
10   INFORMATION OUT TO PEOPLE ABOUT POTENTIAL PROPERTIES THAT WILL  
11   ACCEPT SECTION 8? NOW, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU COULD EITHER--  
12   ANY TIME ANYONE IS IN LINE TO GET A SECTION 8 VOUCHER, THAT  
13   YOU COULD TELL THEM THAT THEY HAVE A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME  
14   THAT-- LET THEM KNOW BEFOREHAND THAT, IF THEY CAN LOCATE-- OR  
15   IF YOU COULD SAY TO THE TOP 1,000 PEOPLE, "IF YOU CAN LOCATE A  
16   PROPERTY FOR YOUR SECTION 8, WE HAVE THEM AVAILABLE". YOU  
17   KNOW, JUST SEND A NOTICE OUT FOR THOSE WHO CAN FIND THEM. ARE  
18   THERE OTHER WEB SITES OR IS THERE LISTING SERVICES THAT MAKE  
19   AVAILABLE LISTS OF SECTION 8 PROPERTIES?

20

21   **CARLOS:** IF I CAN ANSWER IN TWO WAYS. ONE IS WE DO MARKET TO  
22   OUR LANDLORDS FOR ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL UNITS THAT THEY MAY  
23   HAVE AVAILABLE, YOU KNOW, FOR SECTION 8 VOUCHER HOLDERS. THE  
24   OTHER ONE, AS I MENTIONED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, IS THAT WE'RE  
25   WORKING WITH THE C.A.O. ON THE SOCIALSERVE.COM, WHICH IS THE



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1 WEB BASED HOUSING SERVICE THAT DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE HOMELESS  
2 INITIATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS, AND WE HAVE ASKED TO ACCELERATE  
3 THAT COMPONENT FOR THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM. AND IF I COULD GET,  
4 YOU KNOW, THE POSSIBILITY OF THAT BEING AN ISSUE WILL BE VERY  
5 GOOD IF WE COULD GIVE THE VENDOR THE APPROVAL OR THE  
6 INDICATION THAT WE WILL PROCEED WITH THAT, HE WILL IMPLEMENT  
7 THAT IMMEDIATELY, AND THAT WOULD BE TO US A GREAT SERVICE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** CAN WE ASK THAT THE C.A.O. PROVIDE US WITH THAT,  
10 AN UPDATE ON THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THIS ITEM  
13 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. NEXT ITEM IS ITEM NUMBER 1.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 1, THIS IS THE HEARING ON  
16 THE WEED ABATEMENT REFEREE'S REPORT TO ABATE NOXIOUS OR  
17 DANGEROUS WEEDS, BRUSH, RUBBISH, ET CETERA, ON UNIMPROVED  
18 PARCELS IN THE COUNTY. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED  
19 ON THIS MATTER.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE  
22 WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD ON ITEM NUMBER 1? SEEING NONE, THE  
23 PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED, THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MR. KNABE  
24 MOVES, MS. MOLINA SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.  
25 ITEM 2.





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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 2. THIS IS THE HEARING ON THE BRUSH  
3 CLEARANCE REFEREE'S REPORT TO ABATE HAZARDOUS BRUSH, DRY  
4 GRASS, WEEDS AND COMBUSTIBLE GROWTH OR FLAMMABLE VEGETATION,  
5 INCLUDING NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL VEGETATION, ON IMPROVED  
6 PARCELS IN THE COUNTY. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED  
7 ON THIS MATTER.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE  
10 WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD ON ITEM NUMBER 2? IF NOT, SEEING NONE,  
11 THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. KNABE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS.  
12 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM 2.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 3, THIS IS THE HEARING ON  
15 AMENDMENTS TO THE MARINA DEL REY LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM WHICH  
16 CONSISTS OF THE MARINA DEL REY LAND USE PLAN AND LOCAL  
17 IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDES THE MARINA DEL REY  
18 SPECIFIC PLAN, THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND  
19 RELATED APPENDICES TO CLARIFY THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
20 THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD AND THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
21 IN REVIEWING COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITS FOR DEVELOPMENT  
22 PROJECTS IN THE MARINA DEL REY COASTAL ZONE. WRITTEN  
23 CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOU WANT TO GIVE A BRIEF,  
2   VERY BRIEF OVERVIEW OF WHAT THIS ITEM IS, AND THEN WE'LL HAVE  
3   A PUBLIC HEARING. WE HAVE ABOUT A DOZEN AND A HALF PEOPLE WANT  
4   TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM.

5

6   **RON HOFFMAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M RON HOFMANN FROM  
7   THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THIS MATTER COMES TO YOU  
8   PURSUANT TO A REQUEST THAT THE BOARD MADE LAST SEPTEMBER TO  
9   HAVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION LOOK INTO CHANGES TO THE  
10   PROCEDURES AND ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DESIGN  
11   CONTROL BOARD AND THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN THEIR  
12   REVIEW OF PROJECTS IN THE MARINA DEL REY AREA. THE PLANNING  
13   COMMISSION HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 20TH AND APPROVED  
14   A SET OF AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM. I'LL JUST  
15   GIVE YOU THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THOSE AMENDMENTS. BASICALLY, IT  
16   WOULD MODIFY THE SCOPE OF THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD'S REVIEW TO  
17   HAVE THAT BOARD FOCUS ON ARCHITECTURE, SITE PLANNING,  
18   LANDSCAPING AND SIGNS. IT WOULD PROVIDE FOR A CONCEPTUAL  
19   REVIEW AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PROCESS. THEY WOULD HAVE 90  
20   DAYS TO MAKE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS KNOWN TO THE PLANNING  
21   COMMISSION. THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD WOULD ALSO HAVE A FINAL  
22   REVIEW OF THE PROJECT FOR ARCHITECTURAL LANDSCAPING AND OTHER  
23   ITEMS BASED ON THE SIGHT PLANS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING  
24   COMMISSION. THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT PROCESS WOULD ALSO  
25   BE MODIFIED. THE CURRENT PREREQUISITE THAT A APPLICATION



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1 CANNOT BE FILED UNTIL THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD MAKES ITS  
2 RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE ELIMINATED. THE COMPLETE APPLICATION  
3 WOULD BE REQUIRED BY THE APPLICATION -- BY THE APPLICANT TO BE  
4 SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS FOR DESIGN  
5 CONTROL BOARD REVIEW. ALSO, ONCE THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT  
6 PERMIT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, WE WOULD  
7 SEND COMPLETE SITE PLANS TO THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD FOR THEIR  
8 REVIEW. FINALLY, THE CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION, WHICH IS PART  
9 OF A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, WOULD BE MADE SOLELY BY THE  
10 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, NOT THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD.  
11 THESE AMENDMENTS ARE STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM C.E.Q.A. AND,  
12 BECAUSE OF A RECENT CHANGE IN STATE LAW, YOUR BOARD NO LONGER  
13 HAS TO MAKE A FINDING OF A DIMINIMUS IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT  
14 FOR A FEE EXEMPTION. AND, IN CONCLUSION, THE ACTION OF THE  
15 BOARD ON A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT -- OR, EXCUSE ME, ON A LOCAL  
16 COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENT WILL HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE  
17 CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION FOR CERTIFICATION. THAT  
18 CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO IF I ASK YOU WHAT IS THE  
21 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAY THINGS OPERATE NOW AND THE WAY IT  
22 WILL OPERATE UNDER THIS ORDINANCE, WHAT WOULD, IN A NUTSHELL,  
23 WHAT WOULD IT BE?

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1   **RON HOFFMAN:** IT WOULD BE THAT THE APPLICATION PROCESS COULD BE  
2   STARTED SOONER RATHER THAN WAITING FOR THE DESIGN CONTROL  
3   BOARD.

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5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE APPLICATION PROCESS TO THE  
6   REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION?

7  
8   **RON HOFFMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT. ALSO, THIS, IN A NUTSHELL, THIS  
9   WOULD FOCUS THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD'S REVIEW TO THOSE ITEMS  
10   FOR WHICH THE BOARD WAS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED: ARCHITECTURE,  
11   LANDSCAPING, SITE DESIGN, THOSE SORTS OF THINGS.

12  
13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT WOULD NOT LIMIT, IN ANY WAY,  
14   THE ROLE THAT THEY PLAY IN DESIGN REVIEW AND ARCHITECTURAL  
15   REVIEW, IS THAT CORRECT?

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17   **RON HOFFMAN:** ABSOLUTELY NOT.

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19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** EITHER IN THE CONCEPTUAL OR IN THE  
20   FINAL...

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22   **RON HOFFMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ...REVIEW. JUST A QUESTION OF  
2   WHETHER THE APPLICANT CAN PROCEED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE  
3   REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION OR NOT?

4

5   **RON HOFFMAN:** RIGHT, AND THIS WOULD ALLOW THAT.

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ANYBODY ELSE, FOR STARTERS?  
8   WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE. MARCIA HANSCOM IS HERE. I STILL  
9   OWE YOU A PHONE CALL BUT I'VE BEEN IN BED. ALL RIGHT. HI.  
10   CARLA ANDRUS AND CAROL KIRSCHENBAUM AND DONALD KLEIN. I THINK  
11   WE HAVE FOUR SEATS UP HERE. MS. HANSCOM.

12

13   **MARCIA HANSCOM:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS MARCIA  
14   HANSCOM. I AM HERE REPRESENTING THE COASTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
15   ACTION NETWORK, WETLANDS ACTION NETWORK AND THE SIERRA CLUB  
16   AND I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY-- TO FIRST BRING YOUR NOTICE TO  
17   ATTACHMENT SIX OF THE STAFF REPORT, WHERE YOU WILL SEE A VERY  
18   BIG FLAW IN WHAT YOU WOULD BE DOING TODAY. IT SAYS THAT,  
19   "THUS, THIS IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION..." BUT IT THE--  
20   - THE FORM YOU HAVE SAYS, "ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION FOR THE  
21   SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENTS". I  
22   BELIEVE THAT, IF YOU APPROVED THIS TODAY, THAT WOULD BE  
23   IMPROPER PUBLIC NOTICE, IMPROPER DUE PROCESS, AND THIS NEEDS A  
24   RECIRCULATION FOR THE-- AND IT BASICALLY SHOWS WHY THE  
25   REGIONAL PLANNING AREA OUGHT NOT TO BE THE ONE OVERSEEING



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1 THESE PROCESSES OR GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER BEFORE THEY DO. BUT  
2 THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD HAS BEEN A VERY, VERY GOOD WATCHDOG  
3 ON LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM ISSUES. I BELIEVE THAT WE WOULD NOT  
4 HAVE HAD WETLAND ON PARCEL 9-U DISCOVERED IF IT WERE NOT FOR  
5 THE LEADERSHIP OF SUSAN CLOAK AND HER COLLEAGUES. WE WOULD NOT  
6 HAVE PROTECTED A GREAT BLUE HERON ROOKERY IF IT WERE NOT FOR  
7 THIS DESIGN CONTROL BOARD. THIS DESIGN CONTROL BOARD MEETS IN  
8 THE COMMUNITY. THEY'RE ABLE TO HEAR THE ISSUES THAT THE  
9 REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD IS NOT ABLE TO HEAR FOR SOME REASON.  
10 TWO-THIRDS OF THE BIONA WETLANDS WERE DESTROYED TO BUILD  
11 MARINA DEL REY AND IT WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECREATION FOR  
12 THE PUBLIC, AND THERE ARE-- I WOULD URGE YOU TO CONSIDER THAT  
13 YOU COULD GET FUNDING FOR ALL OF YOUR PROGRAMS IF YOU WOULD  
14 REALLY EMBRACE THE WILDLIFE AND THE ECO TOURISM IN THIS AREA.  
15 GET YOUR MONEY FROM BED TAX, DO NOT GET YOUR MONEY FROM  
16 TURNING THE MARINA AND THE ESTUARY OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER  
17 THAT WAS CREATED INTO ANOTHER MIAMI. THERE'S A DIFFERENCE  
18 BETWEEN MIAMI AND CALIFORNIA AND THE DIFFERENCE IS THE  
19 CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT AND I WOULD URGE YOU TO KEEP THINGS THE  
20 WAY THEY ARE FOR BEST COMPLIANCE. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MR. HOFMANN, I  
23 WANT YOU LATER TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE WHICH YOU RAISED AT THE  
24 OUTSET ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS.  
25 MISS ANDRUS. CARLA ANDRUS. IS THAT YOU? OKAY. HANG ON A



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1 SECOND. DR. DAVID DELANGE. COME ON DOWN. THERE'S A SEAT FOR  
2 YOU HERE. MS. ANDRUS. GO AHEAD.

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4 **CARLA ANDRUS:** I SUBMITTED A C.D. RECORDING OF THE DESIGN  
5 CONTROL BOARD MEETING DATED APRIL 27TH, '06, BY MAIL WITH A  
6 COVER LETTER TO EACH SUPERVISOR. I HOPE SOMEBODY CAN  
7 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY RECEIVED THAT. I WANT TO REITERATE TO  
8 YOU, YOU CANNOT UNRING THE BELL. THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD WAS  
9 IN ITS ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY TO SEND SEVERAL MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR  
10 PERCENTAGES PROJECTS BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD, RECOGNIZING  
11 FULLY THE IMPLICATIONS OF RENEGOTIATIONS ON PROJECTS THAT WERE  
12 PASSED BUT PASSED NOT REALIZING THE COMPROMISE TO OUR LCP  
13 AMENDMENT IN REGARDS TO ON-SITE PARKING, PUBLIC ON-SITE  
14 PARKING. SEVERAL LCP AMENDMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED AND THE  
15 PIECEMEAL APPROACH WILL NO LONGER FLY. CHASING LCP AMENDMENTS  
16 WITHOUT A MASTER PLAN IS A DYSFUNCTIONAL PROCESS BY DESIGN.  
17 PROCESS HAS A JOB TO PROTECT THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC. THE  
18 DESIGN CONTROL BOARD'S ROLE TO REVIEW PROJECTS FOR LCP  
19 CONSISTENCY WAS A CONDITION OF OUR LAST CERTIFIED LCP. THE  
20 DESIGN CONTROL BOARD'S ROLE NEEDS TO BE STRENGTHENED AND  
21 CLEARLY DEFINED SO THAT INTEGRITY OF PROCESS IS RESTORED. WE  
22 WANT A FULSOME ANALYSIS OF ALL LCP AMENDMENTS DONE EARLY IN  
23 THE PROCESS. AN HONEST APPRAISAL OF ALL THE LCP AMENDMENTS THE  
24 COUNTY SEEKS IN REGARDS TO OUR LAND USE PLAN WILL EFFECTIVELY  
25 SHRED OUR LOCAL COASTAL PLAN, HIJACKING OUR RICHEST PUBLIC





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1 RESOURCE, DENYING GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE MOST VALUABLE ASSET IN  
2 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ITS SMALL CRAFT HARBOR.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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6 **CARLA ANDRUS:** AND ALL FOR REVENUE GENERATING-- REVENUE  
7 GENERATING BAIL-OUT...

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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11 **CARLA ANDRUS:** ...OF POOR MANAGEMENT...

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP. I'M SORRY.

14

15 **CARLA ANDRUS:** ...BY OUR GOVERNMENT.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. HELEN GARRETT, YOU'LL BE  
18 NEXT DOWN HERE. CAROL KIRSHENBAUM.

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20 **CAROL KIRSHENBAUM:** I'M OPPOSED TO THE AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL  
21 COASTAL PROGRAM REGARDING THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD AS IT IS  
22 PROPOSED. THE CURRENT SYSTEM HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF ALLOWING  
23 INPUT OR COMMENT PRIOR TO SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL INVESTMENT BY  
24 THE DEVELOPER, CONCERN THAT PROJECTS WILL BE APPROVED BECAUSE  
25 OF THE SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL INVESTMENT THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN



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1 OCCURRED BY THE DEVELOPER AT THE POINT THAT THE DESIGN CONTROL  
2 BOARD EVALUATION WOULD BE SCHEDULED. THE SETUP COULD EITHER  
3 INORDINATELY PRESSURE THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD AND/OR MINIMIZE  
4 THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ITS COMMENTS. MY CONCERN IS IN PART BASED  
5 ON OBSERVATION OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL THAT  
6 THE COUNTY STAFF INITIALLY RECOMMENDS PROJECT APPROVAL  
7 FOLLOWING COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE  
8 EXPERT TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION BY THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD.  
9 TYPICALLY, MANY CONCERNS ARE VOICED AS THESE PEOPLE HAVE  
10 MENTIONED AND OTHERS WILL ALSO SPECIFICALLY, BOTH AS TO THE  
11 DESIGN PROPOSAL AS WELL AS INTEGRATED WITHIN THE-- AND IMPACT  
12 ON THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THE PLANNED CONSTRUCTION AREA. IT  
13 HAS HAPPENED THAT SIGNIFICANT AND IMPORTANT ALTERATIONS ARE  
14 MADE AT THIS PLACE IN THE EXISTING PROCESS. WE REQUEST THAT NO  
15 SYSTEM OR PROCEDURAL CHANGE BE MADE THAT WOULD EITHER PRECLUDE  
16 OR MAKE PRACTICALLY NEGLIGIBLE THE INPUT AND IMPACT OF THE  
17 HARDWORKING AND IMPRESSIVE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD, AS WELL AS  
18 THE DEDICATED COMMUNITY PEOPLE WHO HONESTLY CARE ABOUT THEIR  
19 NEIGHBORHOOD, INCLUDING ITS PLACE AND PURPOSE IN LOS ANGELES  
20 COUNTY. IDEALLY, ANY PROCEDURAL IMPROVEMENT WILL BE APPROVED  
21 WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A MASTER PLAN FOR THE MARINA DEL REY AND  
22 NOT THE PIECEMEAL APPROACH THAT IS CURRENTLY THE NORM. WE WISH  
23 FOR A MASTER PLAN THAT WOULD ADDRESS NOT ONLY THE DETAILS OF  
24 MARINA DEL REY DEVELOPMENT BUT ALSO ITS PLACE AND PURPOSE IN



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1 THE LARGER LOS ANGELES COUNTY AREA, WITH ITS REAL RECREATION,  
2 TRAFFIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DONALD KLEIN, YOU'RE  
5 NEXT, AND LET ME JUST CALL JAN BOOK. MR. KLEIN.

6

7 **DONALD KLEIN:** DONALD KLEIN, PRESIDENT OF THE COALITION TO SAVE  
8 THE MARINA, CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE ARE  
9 OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MDR, MARINA DEL REY,  
10 LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AND TAKE EXCEPTION TO THE STATEMENT THAT  
11 THE AMENDMENTS WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE  
12 ENVIRONMENT AND THAT THEY ARE DIMINIMUS IN THEIR EFFECT ON  
13 FISH AND WILDLIFE. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT  
14 THE REMOVAL OF THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD FROM THE LCP WILL, IN  
15 EFFECT, VIOLATE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE 300006 AND DIMINISH  
16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THAT THE COST OF TRAVEL, PARKING AND  
17 THE LOSS OF TIME IS SIGNIFICANT. THE RESIDENTS AND  
18 STAKEHOLDERS OF MARINA DEL REY DEMAND TRANSPARENCY AND  
19 ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE MARINA. SUPERVISOR  
20 KNABE HAS NEVER, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, EVER ADDRESSED THE  
21 STAKEHOLDERS OF MARINA DEL REY IN A PUBLIC FORUM ON THESE  
22 CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I CEDE THE REST OF  
23 MY TIME TO DAVID DELANGE.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THERE'S-- DR. DELANGE.



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2 **DAVID DELANGE:** I AM DAVID DELANGE. I AM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF

3 THE COALITION TO SAVE THE MARINA. I WANT TO TALK TODAY,

4 SUPERVISORS, ABOUT WHAT WE ARE BEING TOLD VERSUS WHAT WE

5 PERCEIVE TO BE THE TRUTH. THE AMENDMENT BEFORE US WILL RID

6 ENTITLEMENT PROCESS OF A CONTRADICTORY ELEMENT WE ARE TOLD AND

7 WHAT IS THAT? WELL, IT'S THAT THE DESIGN BOARD AND THE

8 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION SOMETIMES DISAGREE AS TO WHETHER

9 A CERTAIN LAND USE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE LCP. BUT THERE'S A

10 REASON FOR HAVING TWO BODIES INSPECT FOR CONSISTENCY AND IT IS

11 THAT THEY HAVE DIFFERENT EXPERTISE. ELIMINATING DCB REVIEW

12 BECAUSE IT SOMETIMES CONFLICTS WITH THE REGIONAL PLANNING

13 FINDINGS IS THE EQUIVALENT, AT A FOOD PROCESSING PLANT, OF

14 GETTING RID OF THE BOTULISM CONTROL INSPECTOR BECAUSE HE

15 SOMETIMES REJECTS A FINDING OF THE FOOD PACKAGING INSPECTOR.

16 THE REAL LOSER IN BOTH CASES IS THE PUBLIC. WE WANT TO HAVE

17 BOTH BODIES DETERMINE, WITH THE DIFFERENT EXPERTISE THAT THEY

18 HAVE, WHETHER THE PROJECTS BEFORE THEM ARE LEGAL. A SECOND

19 THING WE ARE BEING TOLD IS THAT THIS LCP AMENDMENT HAS BEEN

20 FOUND EXEMPT FROM C.E.Q.A. BUT TO EXEMPT THE AMENDMENT FROM

21 C.E.Q.A., REGIONAL PLANNING HAS TO ASSERT, AND ASSERT

22 TRUTHFULLY, THAT, QUOTE, "IT CAN BE SEEN WITH CERTAINTY THAT

23 THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT THE ACTIVITY IN QUESTION HAVE A

24 SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT." THAT'S C.E.Q.A.

25 15061(B)(3). BUT THE TRUTH IS, BY CONTRAST, THAT, WHEN YOU



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1 ELIMINATE THE ONLY BODY WITH THE DESIGN EXPERTISE, DESIGN  
2 EXPERTISE FROM DETERMINING WHETHER THE MARINA'S BUILDING  
3 DESIGNS IMPACT THINGS LIKE WATER, MARINE RESOURCES AND VISUAL  
4 RESOURCES OR CREATE HAZARDS, THESE ARE ALL ISSUES COVERED BY  
5 LCP PROTECTIONS, HOW CAN REGIONAL PLANNING BE CERTAIN THAT  
6 THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THIS CHANGE MAY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT  
7 EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT? THAT'S LIKE PUTTING THE FIRE  
8 DEPARTMENT IN CHARGE OF POLICE WORK AND ASSERTING WITH  
9 CERTAINTY THIS WILL CREATE NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM. THIRD, WE  
10 ARE TOLD THIS AMENDMENT WILL NOT RESULT IN NET COST INCREASES  
11 TO THE COUNTY BUT WHAT ABOUT THE INCREASED CITIZEN LITIGATION  
12 THAT'S GOING TO RESULT? LIKE ABANDONED CHILDREN LEFT WITH THE  
13 BABYSITTER IN FRONT OF THE TUBE, CITIZENS WILL FEEL LEFT  
14 BEHIND BECAUSE THE PROCESS IN THEIR MIND WILL HAVE ESSENTIALLY  
15 LEFT THE COMMUNITY AND GONE DOWNTOWN. YOU KNOW, THERE'S  
16 WIDESPREAD PUBLIC PERCEPTION THAT THE REAL PROBLEM OUR COUNTY  
17 GOVERNMENT HAS WITH ITS DESIGN BOARD IS THAT SUSAN CLOAK, ITS  
18 CHAIR AND HER BOARD, HAVE SOMETIMES FOUND PROPOSALS THEY, THE  
19 COUNTY, WANT PASSED INCONSISTENT WITH THE LCP. THE DEPARTMENT  
20 OF PLANNING REPORT IS CERTAINLY CORRECT IN ONE REGARD, THAT  
21 THE PROPOSED PROCESS WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF CREATING MORE  
22 EFFICIENCY BUT FOR WHOM? NOT FOR THE PUBLIC, WHO WILL HAVE TO  
23 COME DOWN JUST FOR THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES, PERHAPS PART OF  
24 COUNTY GOVERNMENT. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ROSLYN WALKER AND NANCY  
2   VERNON MARINO. HELEN GARRETT, YOU'RE NEXT.

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4   **HELEN GARRETT:** YES. MY NAME IS HELEN GARRETT. I LIVE IN THE  
5   MARINA AND I WORK FOR POWER-- I WORK WITH POWER. THE DESIGN  
6   CONTROL BOARD IS NOT ABOUT PAINTING FLOWERS. THIS BODY HAS THE  
7   AUTHORITY TO DECIDE IF A PROJECT IS FIT TO BE IN THE MARINA.  
8   DOES IT PRESERVE THE UNUSUAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS  
9   PARTICULAR PLACE? WHEN THEY FOUND FIVE PROPOSED BIG PROJECTS  
10  DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH ON-SITE PARKING, THEY SENT THOSE FIVE  
11  PROJECTS BACK FOR REDESIGN. THEY USED THE POWER, THE DESIGN  
12  CONTROL BOARD USED THE POWER THEY HAD FOR THE COMMUNITY'S  
13  WELFARE. THEY KNOW THAT DEVELOPERS ARE TWISTING AND WRINGING  
14  THE LIVABILITY OUT OF THE MARINA. THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD  
15  STOOD UP, USED THE POWER THEY HAVE AND SAID, "YOU CAN DO  
16  BETTER THAN THIS. YOU HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THIS." THAT'S  
17  WHEN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STOOD UP AND ROARED LIKE THE RED  
18  QUEEN IN ALICE AND WONDERLAND, "OFF WITH THEIR HEADS!" THAT'S  
19  WHY I'M HERE. THIS COUNTY IS WATCHING AN ABUSE OF POWER. THERE  
20  ARE NO FANCY WORDS WHICH CAN DISGUISE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE  
21  EVISCERATING THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD AND MAKING IT A RUBBER  
22  STAMP FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION, WHICH APPROVES PROJECTS  
23  RAPID FIRE WITHOUT CHALLENGE AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS  
24  SUPPOSED TO BE INDEPENDENT. BUT IF THEY SAY THAT YOUR PLANS  
25  ARE WRONG AND GO AHEAD AND RETHINK THEM, THEN THEY, TOO, WILL



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1 BE OFF WITH THEIR HEADS! YOU SUPERVISORS ARE ON THE WRONG  
2 TRACK. YOU HAVE TO DECIDE-- YOU HAVE DECIDED TO DESTROY THE  
3 MARINA. NOW, YOU DON'T LIVE HERE. YOU DON'T DRIVE HERE. YOU  
4 DON'T CARE WHAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS HERE. THE DESIGN  
5 CONTROL BOARD IS THE ONLY CITIZEN PANEL IN THE MARINA. NOW, I  
6 DON'T ALWAYS AGREE WITH THEM, BUT "OFF WITH THEIR HEADS" IS  
7 THE WRONG ANSWER TO THE ONLY GOVERNING BODY WITH THE FORESIGHT  
8 TO UNDERSTAND THAT INSUFFICIENT ON-SITE PARKING WILL FORCE  
9 PEOPLE TO PARK ILLEGALLY. IT IS NOT THIS ONE ISSUE I OBJECT  
10 TO. I OBJECT TO THE FACT THAT YOU SUPERVISORS WILL NOT ALLOW  
11 ANY DISSENT ABOUT YOUR PLAN TO SQUEEZE THE MARINA FOR MONEY  
12 AND YOU CAN NEVER MIND THE LIVING CONDITIONS AND YOU DON'T  
13 LIVE HERE.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I GAVE YOU EXTRA  
16 TIME.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SOME OF US LIVED THERE  
19 UNTIL A FEW MONTHS AGO.

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21 **HELEN GARRETT:** DID YOU LIKE DRIVING THERE?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUZANNE FRIEDER. COME DOWN AND  
24 TAKE THE EMPTY SEAT. ROSLYN WALKER. MISS WALKER? GO AHEAD.

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1   **ROSLYN WALKER:** ROSLYN WALKER?

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3   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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5   **ROSLYN WALKER:** I'M ROSLYN WALKER. I'M SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, I'M  
6   A MARINA RESIDENT. YOU HAVE GIVEN ME 120 SECONDS FOR ALL OF  
7   THIS SO I'M GOING TO SPEAK VERY RAPIDLY. I'VE LEFT A COPY FOR  
8   YOU. MS. BURKE, AT A RECENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING, YOU  
9   STATED ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT THAT, QUOTE, "I HAVE EVERY  
10   RESPONSIBILITY TO REPRESENT MY CONSTITUENTS WHO SENT ME HERE  
11   AND WHO ARE GOING TO HOLD ME RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING THAT  
12   HAPPENS THAT IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH ANYTHING THEY BELIEVE  
13   SHOULD BE HAPPENING IN MY DISTRICT." END QUOTE. I AGREE WITH  
14   THAT AND I HOPE THE OTHER SUPERVISORS ALL AGREE WITH YOU ON  
15   THAT BECAUSE ALL OF THE CONSTITUENTS-- ALL OF YOUR  
16   CONSTITUENTS, ALL OF YOU, USE MARINA DEL REY. THEREFORE, THESE  
17   AGENDA ITEMS ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO ALL OF YOU AND MARINA  
18   DEL REY SHOULD BE EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO ALL OF YOU. MARINA DEL  
19   REY IS MANDATED BY U.S. HOUSE DOCUMENT 389 AS PUBLIC AREA  
20   DESIGNATED FOR RECREATION AND BOATING BUT, AT THIS TIME IS, IN  
21   THE NAME OF MUCH-NEEDED UPGRADING AND REVITALIZATION, BEING  
22   SYSTEMATICALLY CONCRETED OVER FOR THE PRIVATE USE OF A FEW.  
23   THIS IS BEING DONE WITH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROJECTS  
24   THAT ARE OF GREATER DENSITY, GREATER IN HEIGHT, BLOCKING SUN  
25   AND WIND PATTERNS NECESSARY IN ANY MARINA, USING EXISTING OPEN



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1 SPACES, INCLUDING PARKING LOTS, NOT PROVIDING FOR PARKING AS  
2 MANDATED BY LAW WITHIN EACH PROJECT, REMOVING EXISTING EASY  
3 ACCESS OR ANY ACCESS TO PUBLIC AREAS, ET CETERA. THIS WILL NOT  
4 ONLY SEVERELY LIMIT MARINA DEL REY'S USE BY THE PUBLIC BUT  
5 ALSO ADD TO THE PRESENT TRAFFIC POLLUTION AND GRIDLOCK ON THE  
6 WEST SIDE OF LOS ANGELES. IT APPEARS THAT THE LOS ANGELES  
7 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALLOWS THE MINIMUM PUBLIC INPUT AS  
8 MANDATED BY LAW BUT DOES NOT LISTEN. THIS IS APPARENT AS,  
9 DESPITE OUR YEARS OF ATTEMPTING TO BE HEARD, YOU ARE PUSHING  
10 STRAIGHT AHEAD WITH YOUR PLAN THAT WILL DESTROY MARINA DEL  
11 REY, THE BOATING AND THE RECREATION. THERE IS NO MASTER PLAN  
12 FOR MARINA DEL REY AND EFFICIENCY WOULD DICTATE THERE SHOULD  
13 BE. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DESIGN CONTROL BOARD IS THE ONLY  
14 L.A. COUNTY ENTITY CONCERNED SOLELY WITH MARINA DEL REY. I'M  
15 LOSING MY TIME HERE. I HAVE SUBMITTED THIS. I'M GOING TO SAY  
16 ONE MORE PARAGRAPH AND I WANT TIME FOR THIS. IT HAS BEEN  
17 STATED THAT MARINA DEL REY IS THE COUNTY'S CASH COW. MARINA  
18 DEL REY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A SACRED COW, NOT A CASH COW FOR  
19 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MARINA DEL REY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED A  
20 JEWEL IN THE CROWN OF THIS WONDERFUL AREA, NOT A HAPHAZARDLY  
21 PUT TOGETHER MONEY MAKING MASS OF HIGH-RISE STRUCTURES AND  
22 CONCRETE. PLEASE TABLE THESE AMENDMENTS TODAY AND TAKE A FRESH  
23 LOOK AT WHAT IS GOING ON IN THIS MARINA. THANK YOU.  
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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NANCY VERNON MARINO,  
2   YOU'RE NEXT. LET ME JUST CALL-- DID I CALL JUDITH SCHAPER?  
3   JUDITH SCHAPER, COME ON DOWN AND TAKE THE EMPTY SEAT. NANCY  
4   VERNON MARINO.

5

6   **NANCY VERNON MARINO:** YES, MY NAME IS NANCY VERNON MARINO.  
7   SUZANNE FRIEDER, NEXT TO ME, HAS CEDED HER TIME TO ME. SHE'S  
8   DUE NEXT..

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WELL, SINCE SHE'S DONE THEN,  
11   THEN LET ME CALL HENRY GOTTLIEB, AND YOU CAN TAKE THE PLACE.

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13   **NANCY VERNON MARINO:** THANK YOU, SUZANNE. WELL, WELL, AS YOU'VE  
14   HEARD SO FAR, WE ARE RESOUNDINGLY OPPOSED TO THESE AMENDMENTS  
15   WHICH WOULD SACRIFICE EFFICACY AND THOROUGHNESS FOR THE SAKE  
16   OF SPEED. FIRST IS THE QUESTION OF THE AMENDMENT'S PURPOSE.  
17   INITIALLY, IT WAS TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE DCB AND GIVE  
18   IT TO REGIONAL PLANNING. NEXT, IT WAS TO CLARIFY THE ROLE OF  
19   THE DCB IN THE DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS BECAUSE OF THE PURPORTED  
20   OVERLAP IN DCB AND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION JURISDICTION. DR.  
21   DELANGE'S TESTIMONY PRETTY MUCH PUT THAT TO REST, SO I WON'T  
22   REPEAT IT HERE. NOW THE STATED PURPOSE IS TO, QUOTE, "MODIFY  
23   THE ROLE OF THE DCB IN REVIEWING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS." THIS  
24   IS EXCEEDINGLY AMBIGUOUS, BUT THEN SO ARE THESE AMENDMENTS.  
25   THE EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, UNLIKE MR. HOFMANN



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1 CLAIMS, WILL CHANGE THE ROLE OF THE DCB. CONCEPTUAL REVIEW  
2 WILL NO LONGER BE MANDATORY. CONCEPTUAL REVIEW WILL ALSO NO  
3 LONGER BE A PREREQUISITE FOR LAND USE ENTITLEMENT  
4 APPLICATIONS. THE DCB WILL CONTINUE ITS DILIGENT EFFORTS BUT  
5 THEIR CONCLUSIONS WILL BECOME ADVISORY ONLY. THE  
6 RESPONSIBILITY IS NOT, HOWEVER, BEING TRANSFERRED TO REGIONAL  
7 PLANNING. THIS AMENDMENT TRANSFERS ONLY -- IT CHARGES THE  
8 REGIONAL PLANNING ONLY WITH COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFIC PLAN,  
9 WHICH IS ONE PART OF OUR LCP. THE LAND USE PLAN AND THE  
10 SPECIFIC PLAN ARE NOT ALWAYS IN SYNC AND THE DESIGN CONTROL  
11 BOARD IS THE ONLY BODY THAT HAS THE REQUISITE EXPERIENCE AND  
12 EXPERTISE TO DETERMINE THAT THIS IS THE CASE. BLAME THE  
13 SYSTEM, NOT THE DCB. THE ENTIRE PROCESS IS DYSFUNCTIONAL. THE  
14 COUNTY, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, LESSEES, DEVELOPERS, THE  
15 COMMUNITY ALIKE HAVE EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION AND  
16 EXASPERATION WITH THE PROCESS OF A PIECEMEAL APPROACH WHICH  
17 EXHAUSTS EVERYONE'S RESOURCES, TIME, MONEY AND CREATIVE ENERGY  
18 THAT COULD WORK WONDERS IF BROUGHT TOGETHER IN A COOPERATIVE  
19 EFFORT RATHER THAN THE EXISTING QUASI JUDICIAL APPROACH, WHICH  
20 IS HOW IT WAS DESCRIBED TO ME BY MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING  
21 COMMISSION. IN AN ATTEMPT TO BE ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE, THE  
22 COUNTY IS REACHING FOR A PANACEA FOR MANY CHALLENGES THAT FACE  
23 US RATHER THAN APPLYING ITS ASSETS TO THE PROBLEMS DIRECTLY.  
24 THE ARBITRARY CHANGE TO ONE PART OF THIS PROCESS IS SILLY,  
25 ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THAT EVERYONE ACKNOWLEDGES THE DCB'S



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1 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THESE SO-CALLED DELAYS ARE A MATTER OF MONTHS  
2 AND SOME OF THESE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN KICKING AROUND FOR YEARS.  
3 SO THE PROBLEM IS NOT WITH THE DCB. THERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO  
4 ACHIEVE THESE STRATEGIC GOALS OF ORGANIZATIONAL EFFICIENCY AND  
5 SERVICE EXCELLENCE AND, AT THE SAME TIME, TO BALANCE THE  
6 DISPARATE AND OFTEN CONFLICTING LAND USE DEMANDS ON THE  
7 MARINA, WHICH IS ONLY 400 ACRES OUT OF THE COUNTY'S 4,000  
8 SOMETHING-- I'VE LOST MY PLACE HERE-- 4,084 SQUARE MILES OF  
9 LAND. THE NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN IS SO APPARENT  
10 AND HAS BEEN BEING ASKED FOR FOR A LONG TIME AND WE BELIEVE  
11 THAT THAT NEEDS TO COME BEFORE ANY CHANGES TO ANY OF THE  
12 DOCUMENTS INVOLVED. THE DCB'S ROLE SHOULD BE PLACED EARLIER IN  
13 THE PROCESS, I.E., DURING THE RFP AND LEASE RENEGOTIATION  
14 STAGE BEFORE THE LESSEES AND DEVELOPERS HAVE PUT IN COUNTLESS  
15 HOURS AND MONEY, BEFORE THE PUBLIC HAS PUT IN COUNTLESS HOURS  
16 AND TIME AND MONEY LOST...

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANKS.

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20 **NANCY VERNON MARINO:** OKAY. WE JUST ASK YOU TO PLEASE TABLE  
21 THIS PROPOSAL. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** JUDITH SCHAPER.

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1   **JUDITH SCHAPER:** YES. I'M JUDITH SCHAPER. I LIVE IN MARINA DEL  
2   RAY. AS A ROWER WHO USES THE MARINA FIVE TO SIX DAYS A WEEK  
3   AND A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA YACHT CLUB, I MEET ROWERS AND  
4   SAILORS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WHO COME TO USE THE MARINA.  
5   THERE ARE THREE MAJOR ROWING REGATTAS HELD EVERY YEAR IN THE  
6   MARINA. ONE REGATTA, THE MILLER CUP, IN APRIL, IS A PREMIER  
7   COLLEGE REGATTA, SECOND IN STATURE ONLY TO THE NCAA  
8   CHAMPIONSHIPS. THIS PAST WEEKEND, 120 SAILORS COMPETED IN THE  
9   WESTERN MID-WINTER LASER CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE WINNER  
10  QUALIFIED FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. IN AUGUST OF '06, THE  
11  LASER RADIAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE HELD IN MARINA DEL REY.  
12  IN OCTOBER OF '07, THE MARINA WILL HOST THE OLYMPIC TRIALS FOR  
13  THE WOMEN'S LASER RADIAL CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS. THESE EVENTS AND  
14  MANY OTHERS DRAW HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE INTO THE MARINA. THE  
15  DESIGN AND CONTROL BOARD UNDERSTANDS WHY PEOPLE COME TO THE  
16  MARINA. THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH PREVENTING WINDS FROM BEING  
17  BLOCKED BY OVERDEVELOPMENT. THEY WANT TO MAINTAIN EASY ACCESS  
18  TO BOAT RAMPS. THEY STRIVE TO KEEP THE CHARM IN THE MARINA.  
19  THIS IS WHAT KEEPS PEOPLE COMING BACK. THEY HELP ASSURE WATER  
20  QUALITY. THE DESIGN AND CONTROL BOARD MEETS IN THE MARINA.  
21  THEY SEE THE MARINA. THEY UNDERSTAND THE MARINA. THOUSANDS OF  
22  PEOPLE COME TO USE THE MARINA EVERY YEAR. THE DESIGN AND  
23  CONTROL BOARD MAKES SURE THEIR EXPERIENCE IS DELIGHTFUL AND  
24  THAT'S WHY I ASK YOU NOT TO SECEDE ANY POWER FROM THE DESIGN  
25  AND CONTROL BOARD. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DANIEL GOTTLIEB.

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4 **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** I'M DAN GOTTLIEB, A PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS,  
5 AND I'M OPPOSED TO ALL THE AMENDMENTS INVOLVING THE LCP. THE  
6 DCB GIVES DIVERSE INTERESTS IN THE MARINA OPPORTUNITIES TO  
7 CORRECT MISTAKES AND I BELIEVE THAT THESE MISTAKES ARE COME  
8 ABOUT BECAUSE THE STAFF IS, HOW SHALL I PUT THIS, OVERWHELMED  
9 TO DO AN ADEQUATE JOB OF REVIEWING ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENTAL  
10 IMPACT REPORTS. AND THE DECIDER IS YOU AND THE REGIONAL  
11 PLANNING BOARD CANNOT REALLY FULLY DEPEND ON THE STAFF, I  
12 THINK YOU REALIZE THAT. I WAS GOING TO SPEAK ABOUT TWO THINGS,  
13 WHICH I HOPE YOU HAVE HERE. THESE ARE TRIP GENERATION PLANS  
14 WHICH TELL HOW THE FUTURE OF A PROJECT'S TRAFFIC IMPACTS ALL  
15 THE INTERSECTIONS. ONE IS FROM THE SHORES PROJECT, WHICH YOU  
16 HEARD ABOUT MARCH 6TH, AND THE OTHER ONE IS FROM THE MARINA  
17 DEL REY COMMUNITY APARTMENT COMPLEX. THE ONE FROM THE MARINA  
18 COMMUNITY COMPLEX HAS TRAFFIC GOING INTO A LAGOON AND TRAFFIC  
19 COMING DOWN THE WRONG WAY ON A ONE-WAY STREET, AND ALSO OMITTS  
20 LOCAL ROADS, WHICH IS THE KEY PART. AND THIS PLAN HERE, THE  
21 SHORES, SENDS EVERYBODY UP DIFFERENT ROADS AND THEY'RE NEXT TO  
22 ONE ANOTHER, SO THEY REALLY SHOULDN'T BE THIS DIFFERENCE. NOW,  
23 DON KNABE ASKED HIS DEPUTY TO RESPOND TO MY LETTER, AND HIS  
24 DEPUTY WROTE TO ME AND HIS RESPONSE WAS, "WE CAN'T FIND THE  
25 MARINA COMMUNITY APARTMENTS." SO I SAID, I REPLIED, I SAID,





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1 "LOOK, THERE'S COPIOUS CHANCES TO FIND OUT IN MY LETTER, I  
2 GAVE YOU EVEN A MAP." HE LOOKED AT THE MAP AND HE REPLIED  
3 THAT, "THOSE PROJECTS ARE ACTUALLY CALLED ESPRIT ONE AND  
4 ESPRIT TWO. THAT'S HOW WE KNOW THEM. NOBODY HAS HEARD OF  
5 MARINA DEL REY APARTMENTS." UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE IT'S HARD TO  
6 SAY.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO CALL  
9 YOUR TIME BECAUSE YOUR TIME IS UP.

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11 **DANIEL GOTTlieb:** OKAY. ANY QUESTIONS?

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HEH-HEH. I KNOW BETTER THAT TO ASK  
14 A MATHEMATICS PROFESSOR ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU. THANKS FOR  
15 YOUR KIND NOTE. APPRECIATE IT.

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17 **JAN BOOK:** I KNOW YOU'RE WONDERING WHO I AM. YOU DID CALL MY  
18 NAME AND I CAME FORWARD BUT I SOMEHOW GOT SKIPPED WHEN YOU  
19 STARTED ASKING PEOPLE TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS JAN BOOK.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SORRY.

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23 **JAN BOOK:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I UNDERSTAND. MAYBE THE BEST IS  
24 FOR THE LAST. LET'S HOPE. ANYWAY, MY NAME IS JAN BOOK, I AM A  
25 RESIDENT OF MARINA DEL REY. I'M ALSO A C.P.A. AND AN ATTORNEY,



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1 AND I OPPOSE ALL OF THE AMENDMENTS THAT YOU'RE MAKING FORWARD  
2 BECAUSE OF SEVERAL REASONS. ONE, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DESIGN  
3 CONTROL BOARD BECAUSE IT DOES COME DOWN TO THE MARINA AND IT  
4 DOES SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING. AND ALSO BECAUSE YOU ENCOURAGE  
5 LOCAL INPUT AS A RESULT. I, UNFORTUNATELY, DON'T HAVE ENOUGH  
6 LETTERS FOR EVERYBODY BUT I HAVE TWO COPIES OF A  
7 CORRESPONDENCE THAT I WROTE IN FEBRUARY 2005 TO OUR LOCAL  
8 NEWSPAPER CALLED THE ARGONAUT. IT WAS PUBLISHED IN 2005,  
9 FEBRUARY OF 2005, AND WHAT I HAD DONE IS I HAD EXAMINED PAPER-  
10 - NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ABOUT THE KIND OF DEVELOPMENT THAT WAS  
11 GOING ON IN AND AROUND THE MARINA, ABOUT A MILE AREA AROUND  
12 THE MARINA ITSELF, TAKEN FROM THE LOS ANGELES TIMES AND THE  
13 ARGONAUT, AND WHAT I DISCOVERED IS, IN A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD,  
14 THAT'S ABOUT TWO YEARS BEFORE I WROTE THIS LETTER, AS WELL AS  
15 2005 AND PROJECTING OUT ANOTHER THREE YEARS, THAT, OVER THAT  
16 FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, THERE WOULD BE OVER 9,440 NEW HOUSING--  
17 RESIDENTIAL HOUSING UNITS ADDED INTO THAT AREA. NOW, THAT DID  
18 NOT INCLUDE ABOUT 600 DEL REY LOFTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN ADDED ON  
19 GLENCOE AND ALSO REDWOOD. IT DID NOT INCLUDE, AS MY LETTER,  
20 AND I'LL SUBMIT THIS FOR THE RECORD, I'D LIKE TO SUBMIT THIS  
21 FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE. THAT THIS 9,440 NEW RESIDENTIAL UNITS  
22 THAT WERE ADDED TO AROUND THE MARINA DID NOT INCLUDE THE  
23 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE, THE LARGE HOTEL  
24 PLAN FOR PIER 44, THE DEVILLE MARINA AND BAR HARBOR MARINA  
25 PROJECT, THE INCREASE IN HOTELS PLANNED BY THE L.A. COUNTY



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1 AROUND MOTHER'S BEACH, THE SENIOR CENTER PROPOSED ON THE  
2 COUNTY PARKING LOT ACCESS ACROSS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL,  
3 OR THE CONDO AND APARTMENT COMPLEX PLANNED BY THE BUREAU-- ON  
4 THE BUREAU OF STREET MAINTENANCE STATION LOCATED AT THATCHER  
5 AVENUE IN THE OXFORD TRIANGLE. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY MORE, AS I  
6 MENTIONED JUST A MINUTE AGO, THAT THE DEL REY ADDED ABOUT 600  
7 MORE UNITS. SO YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT 11,000 NEW RESIDENTIAL  
8 HOUSING UNITS, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN OVER 20,000 NEW CARS.  
9 THAT IS WHY LINCOLN BOULEVARD IS A PROBLEM AND THAT IS WHY YOU  
10 ARE HAVING THE PROTEST NOW AS TO THESE AMENDMENTS BECAUSE  
11 LOCAL PEOPLE WILL NEED TO BE ABLE TO TELL YOU WHAT THEY ARE  
12 EXPERIENCING AND HOW THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS DECREASING  
13 RAPIDLY. I'D LIKE TO SUBMIT THIS INTO THE RECORD, PLEASE.  
14 THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL TAKE THAT AND MAKE IT PART  
17 OF THE RECORD. [ APPLAUSE ]

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GREAT. THANK YOU. THAT ENDS THE  
20 PUBLIC HEARING. DO YOU WANT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE THAT WAS  
21 RAISED AT THE OUTSET ABOUT THE REFERENCE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
22 DOCUMENT, THIS BEING PART OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS?  
23 SOMEBODY CUT AND PASTE INCORRECTLY? IS THAT WHAT HAPPENED?

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1   **RON HOFFMAN:** THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED. THE NOTICE OF  
2   EXEMPTION WAS INADVERTENTLY REFERRED TO THE SANTA MONICA  
3   MOUNTAINS LCP INSTEAD OF THE MARINA DEL REY LCP. THE  
4   REFERENCES TO THE EXEMPTION FROM C.E.Q.A. IN THE STAFF REPORT  
5   PRESENTED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND TO YOUR BOARD ARE  
6   CORRECT AND STAFF BELIEVES THAT THE PROJECT, BECAUSE OF ITS  
7   PROCEDURAL NATURE, IS EXEMPT FROM C.E.Q.A. AND THE PROPER  
8   NOTICE OF EXEMPTION WILL BE PREPARED AND...

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY, THE PROPER NOTICE WHAT?

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12   **RON HOFFMAN:** THE PROPER NOTICE OF EXEMPTION WILL BE PREPARED  
13   BY STAFF AND SUBMITTED.

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15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO WE NEED TO PUT OFF  
16   CONSIDERATION OF THIS UNTIL THAT IS DONE?

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18   **RICHARD WEISS:** NO, MR. CHAIRMAN. AS MR. HOFMANN INDICATED,  
19   WHEN YOUR BOARD TAKES AN ACTION, YOUR BOARD WILL ALSO MAKE A  
20   C.E.Q.A. DETERMINATION AND WE WILL DO A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION  
21   AND POST IT WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AS YOUR BOARD IS REQUIRED TO  
22   DO.

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24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND IT WOULD BE A CORRECT POSTING?  
25   A CORRECT REFERENCE?



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2 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THERE ARE A COUPLE THINGS I WANTED  
5 TO DO. ONE IS, I HAVE TWO-- WELL, ONE IS AN AMENDMENT, ONE IS  
6 REALLY NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THIS BUT IT IS. THE AMENDMENT  
7 IS-- I'LL JUST READ IT. I MOVE TO AMEND THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
8 TO GIVE THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD 120 DAYS INSTEAD OF 90 DAYS  
9 TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
10 FROM THE DATE OF FILING OF A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT  
11 APPLICATION WITH THE REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT. THIS IS AN  
12 ISSUE THAT WAS RAISED BY ONE PERSON IN THE PUBLIC HEARING.  
13 IT'S ALSO AN ISSUE THAT'S BEEN RAISED WITH OUR OFFICE AND I  
14 THINK IT MAKES MORE SENSE TO ALLOW 120 DAYS. IT'S JUST AN  
15 AMENDMENT REALLY CHANGE THE NUMBER 90 TO 120 IN THE DRAFT  
16 ORDINANCE. THE SECOND THING, WHICH IS SEPARATE, BUT I'LL JUST--  
17 - I DON'T WANT TO READ THE WHOLE THING, BUT I'LL INTRODUCE IT  
18 NOW FOR POSTING NEXT WEEK. IS THAT-- YEAH. AND THAT'S THE  
19 WHOLE ISSUE OF COMMUNITY-- OF PUBLIC HEARINGS IN THE COMMUNITY  
20 AND LACK OF PUBLIC HEARINGS IN THE COMMUNITY, TO BE MORE  
21 SPECIFIC, ESPECIALLY BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND  
22 IT'S AN ISSUE THAT I THINK EVERY COUNTY IN THE COUNTY CAN  
23 RELATE TO, INCLUDING SOME OF THE FOLKS WHO ARE HERE ON A  
24 COUPLE OF OTHER ITEMS TODAY. THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
25 PLANNING IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DAY-TO-DAY LAND USE REGULATIONS



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1 AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING FOR THE CITY-- FOR THE COUNTY'S 2,643  
2 SQUARE MILES OF UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY AND THE MILLION AND A  
3 HALF PEOPLE THAT LIVE THERE. THESE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES  
4 ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY DIVERSE AND MANY ARE LOCATED FAR AWAY FROM  
5 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. AS A RESULT, IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT FOR  
6 PEOPLE TO ATTEND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HEARINGS TO  
7 VOICE THEIR THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS ON LAND USE DECISIONS THAT  
8 WILL AFFECT THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. FURTHER, AS A RESULT OF THE  
9 LIMITED NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INPUT PROVIDED BY  
10 THE CURRENT PROCESS, THE COMMISSION OFTEN HOLDS MULTIPLE  
11 MEETINGS ON ONE CASE IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE WHO  
12 WANTS TO TESTIFY. THIS CAN FORCE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO CHOOSE  
13 BETWEEN MULTIPLE TRIPS DOWNTOWN AND MANY MISSED DAYS OF WORK  
14 OR NOT BEING ABLE TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING PROCESS  
15 AT ALL. FURTHER, THIS SYSTEM CREATES ENORMOUS DELAYS IN THE  
16 PLANNING PROCESS FOR APPLICANTS AND CONCERNED CITIZENS ALIKE  
17 AND INCREASES THE CASE BURDEN ON PLANNING STAFF. HOWEVER,  
18 THERE IS A BETTER ALTERNATIVE THAT HAS BEEN USED IN NUMEROUS  
19 OTHER JURISDICTIONS, INCLUDING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THAT  
20 IS, PUBLIC HEARINGS ON MAJOR LAND USE DECISIONS, INCLUDING  
21 CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, TRACT MAPS, AND ZONE CHANGES SHOULD  
22 FIRST BE HELD BY AN EXPERIENCED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE STAFF LEVEL  
23 HEARING EXAMINER IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE THE PROPOSED PROJECT  
24 IS LOCATED. THAT HEARING EXAMINER SHOULD TAKE A TESTIMONY--  
25 SHOULD TAKE TESTIMONY FROM ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, MAKE AN



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1 APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATION AS TO FINDINGS, WHETHER THE PROJECT  
2 SHOULD BE APPROVED, APPROVED WITH MODIFICATIONS OR DENIED, AND  
3 SUBMIT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
4 COMMISSION FOR FORMAL ACTION AND FURTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR  
5 INTERESTED PARTIES TO TESTIFY. SUCH A PROCESS WILL INCREASE  
6 OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION EARLIER IN THE PLANNING  
7 PROCESS, ENABLE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO MAKE  
8 PLANNING DECISIONS IN A MORE TIMELY AND EFFICIENT MANNER AND  
9 GIVE PROJECT APPLICANTS CLEAR FEEDBACK AS TO HOW PROJECTS CAN  
10 BE IMPROVED. IN SO DOING, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
11 WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO DEVOTE MORE OF ITS TIME TO ADDRESSING  
12 REGIONAL POLICY ISSUES AND FULLY DELIBERATING ON THE CASES  
13 THAT COME BEFORE IT. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND THE  
15 COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE FOR PLACEMENT ON THE  
16 BOARD'S AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION IN 60 DAYS THAT ESTABLISHES A  
17 HEARING EXAMINER PROCEDURE WHEREIN A STAFF LEVEL HEARING  
18 EXAMINER CONDUCTS THE INITIAL PUBLIC HEARING ON MAJOR LAND USE  
19 DECISIONS IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE A PROPOSED PROJECT IS LOCATED  
20 AND THEN MAKES APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REGIONAL  
21 PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THEIR FORMAL ACTION. I FURTHER MOVE  
22 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF  
23 REGIONAL PLANNING TO PREPARE AN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM THAT  
24 DEMONSTRATES HOW THE INITIAL HEARING EXAMINERS WILL BE  
25 DESIGNATED, HOW CASES WILL BE SELECTED UNTIL THIS PROCESS CAN





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1 BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED AND CONTAINS MECHANISMS TO ENSURE THAT  
2 PROCESS WILL ENHANCE AND NOT INTERRUPT THE EXISTING CASE  
3 MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES OF PLANNING STAFF.

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** THIS IS UNRELATED.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNRELATED TO THIS DIRECTLY AND  
8 IT'S NOT AN AMENDMENT TO THIS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** AND IT'S FOR NEXT WEEK?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S FOR NEXT WEEK. I WANTED TO  
13 BRING IT UP NOW BECAUSE I THINK THIS WHOLE ISSUE, AS WELL AS  
14 AT LEAST ONE OTHER ISSUE THAT'S COMING BEFORE YOU ON ITEM  
15 NUMBER 5, IS A CASE IN POINT OF HOW SLOW OUR PROCESS IS, AND I  
16 DON'T CARE WHETHER YOU'RE A DEVELOPER OR AN ARDENT  
17 ENVIRONMENTALIST. THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS HERE IS -- LEAVES A  
18 LOT TO BE DESIRED, AND I THINK EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO A FULL  
19 HEARING, AND EVEN MULTIPLE HEARINGS BUT, IN MY JUDGMENT, NOT  
20 BECAUSE, AT 12:00, THE COMMISSION WANTS TO GO TO LUNCH AND  
21 DOESN'T WANT TO COME BACK OR WHATEVER THE ISSUES ARE, SOMEBODY  
22 HAS A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT AND THAT'S THE END OF THAT, AND WE  
23 RECOGNIZE THAT THESE ARE CITIZENS AND THEY DON'T GET  
24 COMPENSATED, CERTAINLY NOT SUFFICIENTLY COMPENSATED FOR THE  
25 AMOUNT OF TIME THEY PUT IN. HOWEVER, THE WAY IT'S BEEN



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1   ADDRESSED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS, AND THE ONE THAT I'M MOST  
2   FAMILIAR WITH IS THE ONE I SPENT 20 YEARS OF MY LIFE IN, IN  
3   THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, IS THE HEARING EXAMINER PROCESS  
4   FACILITATES PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS. IT DOES NOT ELIMINATE A  
5   PUBLIC HEARING AT THEIR PLANNING COMMISSION AND IT WOULDN'T IN  
6   OURS, EITHER, BUT IT ALLOWS FOR AN ORGANIZED AND DEPENDABLE  
7   WAY TO-- AND IT ALLOWS IT TO BE DONE IN THE COMMUNITY, NOT  
8   THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO DRIVE 20 OR 30 OR 40 MILES INTO TOWN ON  
9   MULTIPLE OCCASIONS TO DO IT. ANYWAY, IT'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS  
10  TO BE FERRETED OUT. WE'VE DISCUSSED IT OFF AND ON AND IT'S  
11  SOMETHING THAT I THINK THE TIME HAS COME. WE HAVE A NEW  
12  REGIONAL PLANNING DIRECTOR AND I THINK IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
13  CHANGE THE WAY, AT LEAST ON THIS PIECE, WE DO BUSINESS. ALL  
14  RIGHT. MR. KNABE.

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16  **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I MEAN, I WOULD SUPPORT THIS. I  
17  MEAN, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT MY OFFICE HAD A MOTION IN THE  
18  WORKS TO DO THIS IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS SINCE YOU ADDRESSED THIS  
19  WHOLE ISSUE OUT THERE IN THE PUBLIC. THIS IS SOMETHING WE USED  
20  TO DO YEARS AGO, TO GO OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH  
21  SOME OF OUR HEARING OFFICERS AND I THINK IT WOULD WORK VERY,  
22  VERY WELL. THE ONLY THING I WOULD ADD WAS THEN YOUR COMMENT  
23  ABOUT THE PROCESS TAKING SO LONG, NO MATTER WHICH SIDE OF THE  
24  ISSUE THAT YOU'RE ON, THAT YOUR AMENDMENT TO THE ITEM IS  
25  SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY THEN, TOO, BECAUSE THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF



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1 THIS 90-DAY PROCESS IS TO HOLD BOTH THE DCB AS WELL AS THE  
2 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO SOME TIGHTNESS OF SCHEDULE OR  
3 THE PROCESS. I THINK THE PROCESS WOULD BE ENHANCED EVEN WITHIN  
4 THE FRAMEWORK OF 90 DAYS IF WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN ADOPTING THE  
5 MOTION THAT YOU BROUGHT FORTH THAT'S UNRELATED TO THIS ITEM  
6 BUT, DEFINITELY. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WERE  
7 CONSIDERING IN OUR MOTION WAS THE FACT THAT ANY FINAL MEETING  
8 OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AS IT RELATES TO AN ITEM  
9 IN A PARTICULAR AREA, IF POSSIBLE AND, YOU KNOW, THAT WE CAN  
10 AFFORD IT, THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING EITHER BE NORTH COUNTY,  
11 WHETHER IT BE MARINA DEL REY OR WHEREVER, BE HELD IN THE  
12 COMMUNITY. SO I THINK THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT THAT IN THE  
13 FRAMEWORK OF THE MOTION THAT YOU'RE BRINGING IN FOR NEXT WEEK  
14 AS WELL, TOO. BUT, I MEAN, YOUR AMENDMENT REALLY KEEPS IT AS  
15 IS VERSUS WHAT WE WERE ATTEMPTING TO DO IN THE PROCESS, SO I  
16 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS RIGHT NOW.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, I DON'T THINK IT  
19 NECESSARILY-- I DON'T AGREE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION OF IT.  
20 LET ME JUST EXPLAIN IT TO YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I DON'T AGREE WITH YOURS, SO...

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH. MAYBE WE OUGHT  
25 TO JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT. BUT JUST SO I'M CLEAR, I THINK THE



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1   PROCESS ON THE ONE THAT'S BEFORE US TODAY IS GOING TO TAKE  
2   MORE THAN 90 DAYS ANYWAY, SO I DON'T THINK THAT MAKING IT 120  
3   DAYS FOR THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD TO SUBMIT THEIR  
4   RECOMMENDATIONS IS REALLY GOING TO TAKE ANY TIME OFF THE TOP,  
5   SO TO SPEAK. IT'S GOING TO BE ALL IN THE UMBRELLA OF THE  
6   LONGER TERM OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TIME THAT IT TAKES TO GET  
7   THE WHOLE PROCESS THROUGH. THEY CAN TAKE THEIR 120 DAYS ANY  
8   TIME WITHIN THAT PROCESS. THAT'S WHAT THE 90 DAYS IS, RIGHT?

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10   **RON HOFFMAN:** RIGHT. THAT WOULD BE AT THE BEGINNING, WHICH  
11   WOULD BE NORMALLY WHEN WE'RE WORKING ON THE NEGATIVE  
12   DECLARATION OR MITIGATED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT, WHICH  
13   TYPICALLY WOULD TAKE THAT LONG ANYWAY.

14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THIS WILL NOT SLOW THE ULTIMATE  
16   DECISION DOWN BUT IT DOES GIVE THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD MORE  
17   TIME WITHIN THAT UMBRELLA OF TIME TO DELIBERATE ON WHAT THEY  
18   WANT TO DELIBERATE ON, AM I CORRECT?

19

20   **RON HOFFMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. THAT'S ALL,  
23   I DID MY CLARIFICATION. ANYBODY ELSE WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS?  
24   CAN YOU JUST ADDRESS THE ONE QUESTION THAT SOMEBODY HERE  
25   INDICATED ABOUT THE-- THAT THE INITIAL COMMENTS OF THE DESIGN



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1 CONTROL BOARD, WHAT'S THE TERMINOLOGY YOU USED? THE INITIAL  
2 REVIEW WILL NOT BE MANDATORY UNDER THIS, IS THAT CORRECT? IS  
3 IT MANDATORY NOW? WOULD IT BE MANDATORY THEN?

4

5 **RON HOFFMAN:** IT IS. IT IS MANDATORY NOW AND IT WILL BE  
6 MANDATORY THEN. THE ORDINANCE SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THE  
7 DESIGN CONTROL BOARD SHALL CONDUCT A CONCEPTUAL REVIEW OF ALL  
8 DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS. NOW, WE THEN SAY-- THE ORDINANCE THEN  
9 SAYS, "ANY RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD THEN  
10 HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITHIN "X"  
11 PERIOD OF DAYS." SO IT'S MANDATORY THAT THEY CONDUCT THIS  
12 CONCEPTUAL REVIEW BUT WE DIDN'T PUT IN THE ORDINANCE AND WE  
13 CERTAINLY COULD, AS THE ORDINANCE IS FINALIZED WITH COUNTY  
14 COUNSEL, THAT IT BE MANDATORY THAT THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD  
15 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS BUT IT BASICALLY IMPLIES THAT THE WAY  
16 IT'S WRITTEN NOW.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, THERE WAS NO INTENT...

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I KNOW. THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING  
21 TO CLARIFY.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** ...IN THE ORDINANCE TO STOP THE COMMENTS BY THE  
24 DCB, CORRECT? I MEAN, IT'S STILL A MANDATORY REVIEW PROCESS.

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1   **RON HOFFMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT. RIGHT.

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3   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, COULD YOU JUST READ THAT  
4   AGAIN?

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6   **RON HOFFMAN:** OKAY. IT SAYS, AND THIS IS ON PAGE 7 OF THE  
7   ORDINANCE, IT SAYS, "THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD SHALL CONDUCT A  
8   CONCEPTUAL REVIEW OF ALL NEW DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS, INCLUDING  
9   RENOVATIONS, CONCURRENTLY WITH THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT  
10   PROCESS. THE CONCEPTUAL REVIEW SHALL ANALYZE THE ARCHITECTURAL  
11   DESIGN AND SITE PLANNING OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. ANY  
12   RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING A WRITTEN REPORT AND/OR MARKED  
13   PLANS, TO ILLUSTRATE ITS CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO THE PROJECTS,  
14   ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND SITE PLANNING, SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY  
15   THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
16   OR HEARING OFFICER WITHIN 90 DAYS FOLLOWING THE FILING OF A  
17   COASTAL DEPARTMENT PERMIT APPLICATION."

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19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, I THINK THAT'S PRETTY CLEAR.  
20   WHY IS THERE EVEN ANY AMBIGUITY? IT SOUNDS MANDATORY TO ME.

21

22   **RICHARD WEISS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS ANY  
23   AMBIGUITY. IT IS TRUE THAT THE SCOPE OF THE DCB'S CONCEPTUAL  
24   REVIEW WILL BE MORE FOCUSED ON DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURAL ISSUES  
25   BUT IT WAS REQUIRED THEN AND IT WOULD BE REQUIRED NOW.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. AND THE 90 DAYS WOULD BE--  
3 IF MY AMENDMENT PASSED, IT WOULD BE 120. THAT'S WHERE THE  
4 CHANGE, IF THERE IS GOING TO BE A CHANGE, WOULD TAKE PLACE?

5

6 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT GIVES THE DCB MORE TIME TO  
9 DO WHAT THEY WANT TO DO, WHICH PROBABLY IS LESS TIME THAN THEY  
10 SPEND NOW BUT MORE TIME THAN THEY HAVE UNDER STATUTE. ALL  
11 RIGHT. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? ALL RIGHT. CALL THE ROLL ON THE  
12 AMENDMENT.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THE AMENDMENT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** ABSTAIN.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ABSTAIN. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE. THAT'S ON THE AMENDMENT. THE AMENDMENT  
8 DOESN'T PASS.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAIN MOTION.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD, CALL THE ROLL ON THE  
13 MAIN MOTION.

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MAIN MOTION, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF-MIKE)

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVED THE MOTION.  
20 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF-MIKE)

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON A SECOND. WHY DON'T WE  
25 HOLD THIS 'TIL SHE GETS OFF THE PHONE?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DON'T YOU HAVE TO COMPLETE THE ROLL ONCE  
3 YOU'VE CALLED FOR THE QUESTION? ONCE THE QUESTION, THE ROLL'S  
4 BEEN TAKEN, DON'T YOU HAVE TO COMPLETE THE ROLL?

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, NOT IF YOU WANT TO  
7 ACCOMMODATE SOMEBODY WHO IS ON THE PHONE.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONCE YOU'RE IN THE PROCESS OF VOTING, YOU  
10 HAVE TO COMPLETE THE VOTE BEFORE YOU-- I MEAN, IT'S  
11 NONDEBATABLE.

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13 **RICHARD WEISS:** YOUR BOARD CAN TAKE A MOMENT IF ONE OF THE  
14 MEMBERS IS TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE TO VOTE.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE MIDDLE OF A ROLL CALL, YOU CAN DO  
17 THAT?

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19 **RICHARD WEISS:** MOMENTARILY, I BELIEVE SO.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS "MOMENTARILY"?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** [ LAUGHTER ] LESS THAN 90 DAYS,  
24 HOW'S THAT? [ LAUGHTER ]

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, IT'S 120 DAYS OR 90 DAYS. HOW ABOUT  
2    MAKE IT 100 DAYS? COMPROMISE.

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4    **RICHARD WEISS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WHILE WE'RE WAITING, WAS THERE A  
5    SECOND ON THE MOTION?

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7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T BELIEVE THERE WAS,  
8    ACTUALLY.

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10   **RICHARD WEISS:** WELL, WE DO NEED A SECOND.

11

12   **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL SECOND IT.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OH, SO WE HADN'T STARTED THE ROLL  
15   CALL YET.

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17   **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. I WON'T SECOND IT. [ LAUGHTER! ]

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19   **SUP. KNABE:** WE DON'T WANT TO START THE OTHER ITEM UNTIL WE  
20   VOTE ON THIS.

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22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, WE'RE NOT. OKAY, HERE COMES  
23   SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WE'RE ON THE MAIN MOTION NOW. SUPERVISOR  
24   MOLINA? SUPERVISOR MOLINA ASKS THAT THIS MATTER BE HELD ON THE  
25   TABLE BECAUSE SHE NEEDS TO CHECK SOMETHING OUT WITH HER STAFF.



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1 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO HOLDING THIS ON THE TABLE JUST FOR A  
2 FEW MINUTES?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NO PROBLEM. NEXT ITEM  
7 IS ITEM 4.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 4, THIS IS THE HEARING ON  
10 VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP CASE NUMBER 53189-5 TO CREATE A  
11 TOTAL OF 52 LOTS CONSISTING OF 45 SINGLE FAMILY LOTS, THREE  
12 OPEN SPACE LOTS AND FOUR PUBLIC FACILITY LOTS ON 185.8 GROSS  
13 ACRES LOCATED WEST OF SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON ROAD BETWEEN  
14 LOWRIDGE PLACE AND CHEROKEE CANYON LANE, NORTH OF COPPER HILL  
15 DRIVE AND THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CASTAIC CANYON ZONED  
16 DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY JAMES EMERSON. THERE WAS NO WRITTEN  
17 CORRESPONDENCE PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH, DO YOU WANT TO  
20 HAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING FIRST? ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE-- CALL BRIAN  
21 COMSTOCK. RAY PEARL. AND ORLANDO PENA. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

22

23 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I BELIEVE THERE IS A  
24 BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S HEAR FROM THE  
2   STAFF. I'M SORRY.

3

4   **SUSAN TAE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SUSAN TAE AND I'M A  
5   SUPERVISING REGIONAL PLANNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
6   PLANNING. I HAVE WITH ME MR. DENNIS HUNTER FROM OUR DEPARTMENT  
7   OF PUBLIC WORKS. THIS IS AN APPEAL OF AN APPROVED SUBDIVISION  
8   FOR 45 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS ON APPROXIMATELY 185 ACRES IN  
9   UNINCORPORATED SANTA CLARITA COUNTY. A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
10   IMPACT REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT WHICH  
11   CONCLUDES THAT SHORT-TERM IMPACTS TO AIR QUALITY FROM  
12   CONSTRUCTION COULD NOT BE MITIGATED TO LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT.  
13   THE PROJECT ORIGINALLY PROPOSED 60 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS AND WAS  
14   REDUCED DURING THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC  
15   HEARINGS TO ADDRESS RAISED CONCERNS. THIS INCLUDED MAINTAINING  
16   THE RURAL COMMUNITY CHARACTER AND LARGER LOT SIZES FOR HORSE  
17   KEEPING USES. THE LOTS NOW HAVE MINIMUM 15,000 SQUARE FEET AND  
18   ARE CLUSTERED ON THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE PROPERTY WHICH  
19   AVOIDS SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK. THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE  
20   PROJECT ON DECEMBER 13, 2006, ALONG WITH THE FINAL  
21   ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING  
22   CONSIDERATIONS. THAT DOES CONCLUDE MY PRESENTATION UNLESS  
23   THERE ARE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.

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25   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BRIAN COMSTOCK?



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2 **BRIAN COMSTOCK:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. AGAIN, MY NAME IS

3 BRIAN COMSTOCK AND MY WIFE AND I AND KIDS INTENDED TO RESIDE

4 ON A PIECE OF LAND IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THIS PROPOSED SITE FOR

5 SUNCAL SO I'VE BEEN TRACKING THIS FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS,

6 GOING TO MEETINGS IN SANTA CLARITA AND COMING DOWNTOWN ON

7 THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS AND TRYING TO INTERACT WITH THE FOLKS

8 THAT OPPOSE THIS PARTICULAR DEVELOPMENT, EVEN WITH THE

9 ACCOMMODATIONS THAT SUNCAL HAS MADE WITH THE SIZE OF THE LOTS,

10 THE LIGHTING, THE ROLLED CURBS, THE EQUESTRIAN FEEL TO THIS

11 COMMUNITY THAT IS SURROUNDED BY TRACT HOMES IMMEDIATELY TO THE

12 SOMEWHAT WEST OF THE PROPERTY. MYSELF AND OTHER FAMILIES THAT

13 INTEND TO OCCUPY A PROPERTY IMMEDIATELY NORTH, WHICH HAPPENS

14 TO BE 40 ACRES OF LAND WHICH WE'VE ALREADY GONE THROUGH

15 REGIONAL PLANNING, SUBMITTED HOMES FOR APPROVAL AND ARE HELD

16 UP FOR THAT PROCESS BASED ON NEEDING A ROAD, A ROAD WHICH

17 SUNCAL IS WILLING TO PROVIDE AND IS WILLING TO AND HAS WORKED

18 WITH THE COMMUNITY TO ACCOMMODATE THEM TO KEEP AN EQUESTRIAN

19 FEEL TO THE COMMUNITY, TO KEEP WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE NOT

20 CONFORMING, WHICH IS-- YOU KNOW, I DISAGREE WITH THAT OPINION

21 THAT IT'S NOT CONFORMING. I THINK IT IS NOT ONLY CONFORMING

22 WITH THE COMMUNITY THAT'S AROUND IT, IT'S VERY ACCOMMODATING

23 TO THE COMMUNITY AROUND IT. AND I JUST WISH THAT PRIVATE

24 PROPERTY, FOR THE PROPERTY THAT WE HAVE IN SAN FRANCISQUITO

25 CANYON THAT IS BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY PEOPLE THAT BASICALLY ARE



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1 SAYING, "YOU MUST DO SOMETHING WHICH INCLUDES TRAILS AND  
2 DEDICATIONS AND OTHER THINGS", IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR PRIVATE  
3 LAND OWNERS LIKE OURSELVES THAT WANT TO JUST MOVE ONTO A PIECE  
4 OF LAND THAT WE'VE NOW OWNED FOR A FEW YEARS AND HAVE BEEN  
5 UNABLE TO DEVELOP BECAUSE WE CAN'T PUT OUR HOMES ON IT BECAUSE  
6 WE NEED A ROAD THAT SUNCAL IS WILLING TO PROVIDE AND HAS BEEN  
7 WILLING TO PROVIDE FOR SOME TIME BUT HAS BEEN HELD HOSTAGE BY  
8 PEOPLE THAT, FRANKLY, IT'S BEEN FRUSTRATING. THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, RAY PEARL?

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12 **RAY PEARL:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF  
13 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RAY PEARL, REPRESENTING SUNCAL  
14 COMPANIES. JUST TO BRIEFLY TOUCH ON THE WORDS OF REGIONAL  
15 PLANNING, I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE PROCESS. WE  
16 HAD THREE COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN THE CITY-- UP IN THE CITY OF  
17 SANTA CLARITA AREA, TWO MEETINGS ADDITIONALLY WITH THE MAYOR,  
18 AT THE TIME, OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, AS WELL AS THEIR  
19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO LISTEN TO THEIR CONCERNS;  
20 AND THEN THREE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS, AS WELL  
21 AS NUMEROUS MEETINGS WITH DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING  
22 STAFF, ALL OF WHICH CULMINATED WITH A 5-0 PLANNING COMMISSION  
23 APPROVAL. THE PROJECT IS DESIGNED WITH THE ENVIRONMENT IN  
24 MIND. I ALSO WANT TO STRESS TO YOU THAT THERE ARE TWO  
25 DIFFERENT ZONING DESIGNATIONS ON THIS PROPERTY, R1-7000 AND





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1 A2-2. THESE TWO ZONING DESIGNATIONS WOULD PERMIT A TOTAL OF 61  
2 UNITS. AND, AS WE WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS, WE AGREED WITH THE  
3 CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AND THE COMMUNITY, THAT 45 LOTS WAS MORE  
4 APPROPRIATE AND ARE COMFORTABLE WITH WHERE WE'VE ENDED UP.  
5 ADDITIONALLY, BECAUSE OF THE CLUSTERING THAT WE'VE DONE, 75  
6 PERCENT OF THE PROPERTY WILL BE PRESERVED AS PERMANENT OPEN  
7 SPACE, DEEDED PERMANENTLY TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. 100  
8 PERCENT OF THE LOTS ARE EQUESTRIAN LOTS WHICH ARE GREATER THAN  
9 15,000 SQUARE FEET AND THE COMMUNITY IS ALSO TRANSITIONAL. TO  
10 THE SOUTH, WE HAVE TESORO AND 3 TO 4,000 SQUARE FOOT LOTS AND  
11 WE MOVE OFF OF TESORO WITH 15,000 SQUARE FOOT LOTS LEADING UP  
12 TO THE NORTH OF THE PROPERTY WITH OUR LARGEST LOTS. AND I DO  
13 WANT TO STRESS ALSO THAT WE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE CITY OF  
14 SANTA CLARITA AND THE COMMUNITY HAD OVER 50 LETTERS OF  
15 SUPPORT, AS WELL AS SIGNOFF ON OUR TRAILS BY PARKS AND REC AND  
16 SIVTEC AND WE BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE A COMMUNITY HERE BEFORE YOU  
17 ONCE AGAIN WITH UNANIMOUS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION SUPPORT  
18 THAT DESERVES YOUR SUPPORT AS WELL. THANK YOU.

19  
20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ORLANDO PENA.

21  
22 **ORLANDO PENA:** YEAH, HOW YOU DOING? MY NAME IS ORLANDO PENA,  
23 I'M A RESIDENT OF SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON. I'VE BEEN LIVING  
24 THERE SINCE 1978 WITH MY FAMILY. I THINK THE SUNCAL DEVELOPER  
25 IS GOING TO HELP THE COMMUNITY THERE BY PROVIDING US WITH THE



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1 ROADS FOR THE TIME THAT WE'VE BEEN LIVING THERE. WE HAVE A BIG  
2 WASH ACROSS THE STREET THAT WE CAN'T GET OUT WHEN IT RAINS.  
3 AND THERE'S AT LEAST 13 FAMILIES THAT, EVERY YEAR, STRUGGLES  
4 TO GET OUT OF THEIR PROPERTY. AND I THINK SUNCAL, IN  
5 COMPARISON TO ALL THE OTHER DEVELOPMENT THAT HAPPENED DOWN SAN  
6 FRANCISQUITO CANYON, SMALL HOMES AND THINGS LIKE THAT, THEY  
7 PROVIDING ALL THE NEIGHBORS WITH A BETTER LOOK AND A WAY OUT  
8 FOR THE FAMILIES THAT ARE STRANDED IN THE BACK. AND A LOT OF  
9 THE COMPLAINT THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IS FROM OTHER NEIGHBORS  
10 ACROSS THE STREET, WHICH THEY HAVE ACCESS TO AMBULANCE AND  
11 STUFF LIKE THAT. MANY YEARS I LIVED THERE, I SEEN HELICOPTER  
12 COME IN TO, YOU KNOW, BRING MEDICINE OR RESCUE SOME OF THE  
13 OLDER PEOPLE THAT LIVE ACROSS THE CANYONS WHERE THEY ARE NOT  
14 ABLE TO BE HERE RIGHT NOW. SO I'M REAL WITH SUNCAL PROJECT  
15 BECAUSE I THINK IT'S GOING TO HELP OUR-- THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE  
16 BEEN LIVING THERE FOR MANY YEARS THAT WILL BE ABLE TO GET SOME  
17 ACCESS TO FIRE DEPARTMENT, AMBULANCE AND STUFF LIKE THAT. SO  
18 THAT'S ALL I GOT TO SAY.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS, MR. PENA. THANK YOU ALL.  
21 THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE WE HAVE IN FAVOR. NOW WE'LL HEAR FROM THE  
22 PEOPLE OPPOSED. BEFORE WE DO THAT, MR. KNABE, WE'LL GO BACK TO  
23 THE PREVIOUS ITEM.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I WOULD MOVE RECONSIDERATION OF THE  
2   AMENDMENT. CAN I DO THAT EVEN THOUGH-- I MEAN IT WAS 5-0,  
3   RIGHT?

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5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU WERE ON THE PREVAILING SIDE.

6

7   **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENT  
8   BECAUSE I VOTED FOR IT.

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, NO, HE WAS ON THE PREVAILING  
11   SIDE.

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13   **SUP. KNABE:** NO, BUT I WAS ON THE PREVAILING SIDE SO... OKAY. I  
14   WOULD MOVE RECONSIDERATION.

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16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

17

18   **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN...

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20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE  
21   ITEM WILL BE RECONSIDERED. SO WE'RE BACK ON ITEM NUMBER 3  
22   AGAIN. SO MY AMENDMENT TO GO FROM 90 TO 120 DAYS IS NOW BEFORE  
23   US ON THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD. CALL THE ROLL.

24

25   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AYE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** THEN I MOVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NOW WE HAVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED,  
23 MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. CALL THE ROLL.

24

25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OH, IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO IT?  
3 IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, IT'S UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ALL RIGHT.  
4 THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NOW WE'LL GO TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME  
5 IN OPPOSITION TO ITEM NUMBER 4. I'LL CALL FOUR AT A TIME.  
6 CHERYL HAWKINS, SUSANA ROVERO, TERESA MASON AND ANDREA KATE  
7 MASON. THERE'S A GARY MASON, ALSO. SO I DON'T WANT TO BREAK UP  
8 THE FAMILY THERE.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** MR. CHAIRMAN? WE HAD-- WERE UNAWARE OF THE PROCEDURES  
11 OF SETTING THE ORDER AND OUR FIRST SPEAKER WAS PLANNING A  
12 PRESENTATION THAT WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO REFER TO WHEN THE  
13 OTHERS FOLLOW HER. COULD WE...

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHO IS THAT?

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17 **SPEAKER:** CECELIA SPANGLER.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CECELIA?

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21 **SPEAKER:** SPANGLER.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK WE CAN TAKE  
24 CARE OF THAT. LET ME JUST FIND YOUR CARD. THERE YOU ARE. ALL  
25 RIGHT. YOU'LL GO FIRST AND THEN...



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2 **SPEAKER:** JUDY REINSMA.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I TELL YOU WHAT, WE'LL JUST FOLLOW  
5 THE ORDER YOU WANT, JUST KEEP TO THE TIME AND I'LL DEAL WITH  
6 THE CARDS HERE. MISS SPANGLER YOU'RE ON.

7

8 **CECELIA SPANGLER:** I HAVE SOME BOOKLETS HERE THAT I'D LIKE  
9 HANDED TO EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE SERGEANT AT ARMS WILL TAKE  
12 THEM FROM YOU.

13

14 **CECELIA SPANGLER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF  
15 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CECELIA SPANGLER. IN  
16 1994, MY HUSBAND, OUR TWO DAUGHTERS AND MYSELF BECAME  
17 RESIDENTS OF SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON. PRIOR TO OUR MOVE, WE  
18 LIVED IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. IT WAS OUR DESIRE TO LIVE IN  
19 A RURAL SETTING AND RAISE OUR CHILDREN IN THAT ENVIRONMENT. WE  
20 WERE ALSO LOOKING FOR A DECENT PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. AS OUR  
21 DAUGHTERS MADE NEW FRIENDS, OUR HOME WAS A SPECIAL PLACE FOR  
22 THEIR FRIENDS TO VISIT. IT WAS SO DIFFERENT FROM THE TRACT  
23 HOMES THAT THEY LIVED IN. WHAT A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR ALL  
24 THOSE KIDS. CAMPFIRES AT NIGHT, STARS THAT SOME OF THEM HAD  
25 NEVER SEEN, HORSES TO RIDE, CHICKENS TO FEED AND WIDE OPEN



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1 SPACE TO PLAY AND HIKE. UPON OUR PURCHASE, WE WERE MADE AWARE  
2 OF THE FACT THAT THIS CANYON HAD BEEN ZONED FOR NO LESS THAN  
3 TWO-ACRE PARCELS ACCORDING TO THE MASTER PLAN. NOT LONG AFTER  
4 OUR MOVE, LARGE EARTH MOVERS AND CATERPILLARS BEGAN SLICING  
5 INTO THE SURROUNDING HILLS AND CHANGING THE NATURAL TERRAIN  
6 FOREVER. HOW COULD THIS BE? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MASTER PLAN?  
7 WE, THE CANYON RESIDENTS, NUMBER ONE, REALIZED THE URGENCY IN  
8 STOPPING THE EXPANSIVE GROWTH OF HIGH DENSITY HOUSING. TWO, WE  
9 ALSO REALIZE, THAT ONCE THIS PRECEDENT IS SET IN PLACE, THIS  
10 WILL CONTINUE UP THE CANYON. AND THREE, WE ARE NOT IN  
11 OPPOSITION OF THIS DEVELOPMENT; WE WOULD JUST LIKE THAT THEY  
12 CONTINUE THE CONTINUITY OF THE RURAL LOOK, THAT BEING OF 2-  
13 ACRE RANCH ESTATES. BOTTOM LINE, AS WE ALL KNOW, IS MONEY. THE  
14 DEVELOPER WANTS TO MAKE PROFITS FOR ALL THEIR INVESTORS. EVERY  
15 INVESTMENT IS A GAMBLE, ISN'T IT? NO GUARANTEES. THEY SHOULD  
16 PLAY BY THE SAME RULES OF THE REST OF US. IT IS POSSIBLE-- IS  
17 IT POSSIBLE, AS THIS CANYON BECOMES MORE AND MORE DEVELOPED,  
18 THAT PRESERVING MOST OF THE NATURAL FEEL BE MET? WE THINK THAT  
19 IT CAN. MAYBE THAT WAS WHAT THE MASTER PLAN WAS TRYING TO  
20 PRESERVE IN THE VERY FIRST PLACE. THE DEVELOPER WAS WELL AWARE  
21 OF THE ZONING OF THIS LAND BUT HE CONTINUED FORWARD WITH THE  
22 PURCHASE. WE, THE RESIDENTS, WOULD LIKE EACH OF YOU TO HAVE A  
23 COPY OF THIS BOOKLET THAT WAS PREPARED BY THE SAN FRANCISQUITO  
24 CANYON PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION. THIS WILL GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF  
25 WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR. ON THE BACK TWO PAGES, YOU WILL SEE





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1 A COLORED MAP THAT GIVES YOU AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT  
2 BOUNDARY AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS. ON THE LAST PAGE, YOU WILL  
3 SEE A COMPARISON OF THE EXISTING SMALLER-SIZED PROPERTY IN THE  
4 PROPOSED PLAN. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ AND CONSIDER THIS  
5 BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR DECISION. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MS. SPANGLER. WHO IS  
8 NEXT? IS IT JUDY?

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10 **JUDY REINSMA:** YES. MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
11 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JUDY REINSMA AND MY HUSBAND AND I ARE  
12 RESIDENTS OF SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON. WE HAVE LIVED THERE  
13 SINCE 1981 WE KNOW WE BOUGHT FIVE ACRES AND BUILT OUR HOME.  
14 WHEN SUNCAL BOUGHT THE BURNHAM PROPERTY, THEY WERE AWARE OF  
15 SEVERAL FACTS ABOUT THE LAND. OF THE 185.8 ACRES, ONLY 29.1  
16 ACRES WERE LEGAL TO BUILD ON. THE BALANCE WAS CREEK BED, FLOOD  
17 PLAIN, SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA 19 OR STEEP HILLSIDE. SO,  
18 IN ACTUALITY, THEY BOUGHT 29.1 ACRES THEY COULD DEVELOP AND  
19 156.7 THAT HAD TO BE LEFT OPEN SPACE. THEY WERE ALSO AWARE  
20 THAT THE ZONING, ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY MASTER PLAN, WAS A2-  
21 2. THE SURROUNDING PROPERTIES WERE ALL 5 TO 40 ACRES IN SIZE,  
22 MOST WERE IN USE FOR LARGE ANIMAL KEEPING AND THAT THE CANYON  
23 COMMUNITY WAS ADAMANT ABOUT RETAINING THIS ZONING. THEIR  
24 CURRENT PROPOSAL CALLS FOR 45 HOME SITES, NONE APPROACH TWO  
25 ACRES IN SIZE. THERE'S A BREAKDOWN OF PARCEL SIZES IN YOUR



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1 BOOKLET. SUNCAL IS THE LARGEST PRIVATELY HELD DEVELOPER OF  
2 MASTER PLAN COMMUNITIES IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES. IN THE  
3 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ALONE, THEY HAVE OVER 5,500 HOME SITES.  
4 3,900 HOMES IN NORTH LAKE, 500 HOMES IN PLUM CANYON, AN  
5 UNKNOWN NUMBER TO BE BUILT ON THE BERMONT WHITAKER PROPERTY  
6 AND INTO SORROW DE VALEA, 1,077 VIEW HOMES WE ARE THE VIEW.  
7 SURELY, SUNCAL CAN REDUCE THIS ONE SMALL PROJECT BY 23 HOMES  
8 OUT OF MORE THAN 5,500 HERE WITHOUT SUFFERING GREAT FINANCIAL  
9 HARM. OUR 60 FAMILIES HAVE MUCH TO LOSE IF THIS DEVELOPMENT  
10 GOES THROUGH AS PLANNED. WHEN URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMES INTO A  
11 RURAL AREA, URBAN VALUES PREVAIL AND RURAL USES ARE FIRST  
12 RESTRICTED AND THEN REMOVED. WE HAVE NEVER SAID DO NOT BUILD.  
13 WE WELCOME A DEVELOPMENT THAT CONFORMS TO A2-2 LAND USE SIZE  
14 FOR EACH PARCEL. THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD ALSO ENABLE THE  
15 FAMILIES WHO ARE SOMETIMES STRANDED BY FLOOD WATERS EMERGENCY  
16 ACCESS OUT OF THE CANYON. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU  
17 REQUIRE SUNCAL TO REDESIGN THIS PROJECT TO CONFORM TO THE  
18 COUNTY MASTER PLAN AND UNCONDITIONAL A2-2 ZONING FOR EACH  
19 PARCEL. THANK YOU.

20  
21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WHO IS NEXT?

22  
23 **CHERYL HAWKINS:** CHERYL HAWKINS. I'D LIKE TO PASS THIS, PLEASE.

24  
25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CHERYL HAWKINS, SERGEANT? STEVE?



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1  
2 **CHERYL HAWKINS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS CHERYL HAWKINS. I HAVE LIVED IN THE  
4 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY FOR 38 YEARS, THE LAST 24 OF THEM IN SAN  
5 FRANCISQUITO CANYON WHEN, IN 1983, MY HUSBAND AND I BOUGHT  
6 FIVE ACRES AND PROCEEDED TO BUILD AND, OVER THE YEARS,  
7 MAINTAIN OUR SMALL RANCH, WHICH HAS TAKEN MUCH OF OUR TIME,  
8 MONEY AND ENERGY BUT IT HAS WELL BEEN WORTH IT. MY HUSBAND AND  
9 I ARE CURRENTLY NOT HORSE OWNERS BUT WE DO SUPPORT THE RURAL  
10 EQUESTRIAN NATURE OF OUR CANYON COMPLETE. MANY OF OUR  
11 NEIGHBORS HAVE HORSES, MULES, COWS, SHEEP, PIGS, CHICKENS, YOU  
12 NAME IT. OTHERS HAVE USED THEIR PROPERTY IN OTHER WAYS, FLOWER  
13 AND VEGETABLE GARDENS OR JUST PLAIN OPEN SPACE TO ENJOY. EVER  
14 SINCE SUNCAL ANNOUNCED THEIR PLANS TO DEVELOP THIS LAND, WE  
15 HAVE FOUND THAT THEY HAVE USED FAULTY INFORMATION TO JUSTIFY  
16 THEIR DENSITY, MAKE PROMISES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS NOT  
17 ALLOWED UNDER COUNTY CODES AND FINALLY ARE PROPOSING AN URBAN  
18 DEVELOPMENT WITH SMALL LOTS THAT BARELY FIT AN EQUESTRIAN.  
19 AND, BY CALLING IT AN EQUESTRIAN DEVELOPMENT, THEY THINK THAT  
20 MAKES IT ONE. THE LOTS ARE TOO SMALL TO ALLOW HORSE KEEPING,  
21 PERIOD. BY THE TIME THE 3 TO 4,000 SQUARE FOOT HOMES THEY  
22 PROJECT ARE BUILT ON THERE, THERE WILL NOT BE ROOM FOR A  
23 HORSE, LET ALONE THE LITTLE WOODEN ROCKING HORSE. ON THE  
24 PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS OF SURROUNDING LAND USES, THE INFORMATION  
25 IS SERIOUSLY FLAWED. TO THE NORTH, THEY LIST A TRIPLEX AND A



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1 WAREHOUSE. THIS IS TOTALLY FALSE. TO THE SOUTH, THEY SAY THERE  
2 ARE CONDOMINIUMS. THERE ARE NO CONDOMINIUMS, ONLY SINGLE-  
3 FAMILY RESIDENCES. TO THE EAST, THEY LIST SINGLE-FAMILY  
4 RESIDENCES. THIS IS TRUE BUT MISLEADING. THESE RESIDENCES ARE  
5 ALL ON 5 TO 20-ACRE PARCELS. THEY HAVE PROMISING RURAL  
6 LIGHTING AND CURB STANDARDS. ACCORDING TO COUNTY CODE, THESE  
7 CAN ONLY BE PROVIDED WHEN LOTS SIZES EXCEED 20,000 SQUARE  
8 FEET. NEARLY HALF OF THEIR PARCELS ARE UNDER 20,000 SQUARE  
9 FEET. PLEASE REFER TO THE LOT SIZE BREAKDOWN IN OUR BOOK. IN  
10 2005, THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA OPPOSED THIS DEVELOPMENT AND  
11 STATED THAT THE CITY, QUOTE, "CONTINUES TO OPPOSE HIGH  
12 DENSITY, SMALL LOT DEVELOPMENT IN SAN FRANCISQUITO SUCH AS THE  
13 PROPOSED PROJECT." THEY ALSO CITED THE NECESSITY OF CONFORMING  
14 TO TWO-ACRE MINIMUM LOT SIZE IN ORDER TO LEGALLY ALLOW THE  
15 KEEPING OF HORSES AND RELATED ANIMALS. THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL  
16 PUT THESE URBAN HOMES RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CANYON  
17 COMMUNITY NEXT TO CHARRAL TRAINING FACILITIES AND HORSE  
18 RANCHES. THE CANYON VALLEY WHERE WE ALL LIVE IS LIKE ANOTHER  
19 WORLD. FROM A HUMAN PERSPECTIVE, ONCE YOU DRIVE INTO THE  
20 CANYON, YOU ARE IN THE COUNTRY. I RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU TO  
21 PRESERVE AND PROTECT THIS COMMUNITY, ITS RURAL IDENTITY AND  
22 OUR 60 FAMILIES WHO HAVE TURNED TO YOU FOR ASSISTANCE. THANK  
23 YOU.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WHO IS NEXT?



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2 **SUSANA ROVERO:** SUSANA ROVERO.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE SUSANA ROVEN?

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6 **SUSANA ROVERO:** SUSANA ROVERO.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** R-O-V?

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10 **SUSANA ROVERO:** E-R-O.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOTCHA. ALL RIGHT. HANG ON A  
13 SECOND, SUSANA, LET ME JUST CALL A FEW OTHERS. THERESA MASON?  
14 ANDREA KATE MASON AND GARY MASON. THE THREE OF YOU WILL BE  
15 NEXT AFTER MISS ROW-- ROMERO. OKAY, SUSANA, GO AHEAD.

16

17 **SUSANA ROVERO:** OKAY. I AM OPPOSED TO SUNCAL PROJECT ONLY FOR  
18 THE REASON THAT THEY ARE NOT UPHOLDING THE ORDINANCE OF A2-2  
19 ZONING, WHICH EVERYONE IN THE CANYON HAD TO DO. ALL OF THEIR  
20 LOTS SHOULD BE A MINIMUM OF TWO ACRES. SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON  
21 IS A RURAL CANYON NOT AN URBAN CANYON. THERE ARE 29.1 ACRES  
22 THAT ARE BUILDABLE AND SHOULD AN ONLY BE ALLOWED OF A MAXIMUM  
23 OF 14 LOTS, NOT 45 HOMES. WE DO NOT WANT SAN FRANCISQUITO  
24 CANYON TO TRANSITION FROM TESORO DEL VALLE INTO AN URBAN AREA.  
25 WE NEED TO RETAIN THE RURAL LIFESTYLE OF OUR COMMUNITY.



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1 SUNCAL'S PROJECT IS SURROUNDED BY A MINIMUM OF FIVE ACRES,  
2 FIVE-ACRE LOTS TO THE NORTH. IT JUMPS FROM FIVE ACRES TO 40  
3 ACRES. THERE IS PROPERTIES IN FRONT THAT ARE 10 ACRES, 15  
4 ACRES. SUNCAL PROJECT IS NOT TRANSITIONING WITH OUR COMMUNITY.  
5 THEY ARE URBANIZING OUR RURAL CANYON. THIS IS SOMETHING WE DO  
6 NOT WANT. WE WOULD LIKE SUNCAL PROPERTIES TO GO BACK TO THE  
7 DRAWING BOARD AND COMPLY WITH THE APRIL 3RD, 1959 ORDINANCE  
8 ZONING OF A2-2 WITH 14-LOT MINIMUMS, TWO ACRES EACH. SUNCAL'S  
9 PROJECT IS OUT OF CHARACTER WITH OUR COMMUNITY. WE ARE WORKING  
10 ON A COMMUNITY STANDARD FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO-ACRE LOTS AND  
11 SUNCAL WILL BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OUR COMMUNITY STANDARDS  
12 OF A MINIMUM TWO ACRES. WE WANT TO REMAIN WITH THE COUNTY. WE  
13 DO NOT WANT TO ANNEX TO THE CITY. ALSO, I'D LIKE TO ADD THAT  
14 THE R1-7000 ZONING IS IN THE FLOOD ZONE, WHICH IS NON-  
15 BUILDABLE. WHERE THEY WANT TO PUT THE HIGH CLUSTERING IS A2-2  
16 ZONING, WHICH IS MINIMUM TWO ACRE LOTS. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT IS THERESA MASON.

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20 **TERESA MASON:** YES, I'M TERESA MASON. I'M A RESIDENT OF SAN  
21 FRANCISQUITO CANYON. MOVED THERE IN 1990. FEBRUARY 2006,  
22 SUNCAL WAS REQUIRED TO POST INFORMATION OR NOTIFICATION OF  
23 THEIR INTENDED PROJECT. IT STATED 52 RESIDENTIAL LOTS WERE TO  
24 BE BUILT ON 185.6 ACRES. THIS I REALIZED WAS VERY MISLEADING  
25 AND I CHOSE TO POST ANOTHER SIGN INFORMING THE COMMUNITY THAT



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1 THIS WAS A DENSE SUBDIVISION BECAUSE THE 52 LOTS WERE TO BE  
2 BUILT ON A VERY SMALL PORTION OF THIS 185.6 ACRES. A MONTH  
3 LATER, SUSANA ROVERO ADDED A CLIPBOARD WITH PETITIONS ALLOWING  
4 THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS. I WAS  
5 PLEASED TO SEE PEOPLE STOPPING, READING AND SIGNING THE  
6 PETITION. WE, SUSAN AND I, DID NOT COLLECT THE SIGNATURES OR  
7 SUPPLY NEW PAGES AS OFTEN AS WE SHOULD HAVE OR WE WOULD HAVE  
8 RECEIVED MANY MORE SIGNATURES. THE SIGNATURES THAT WE DID  
9 COLLECT WERE TURNED INTO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON MAY AND  
10 AUGUST'S HEARINGS, NUMBERING JUST ABOUT 200. THE SIGNATURES  
11 ARE TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE BEAUTIFUL RURAL CANYON IS  
12 APPRECIATED AND ENJOYED BY THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, NOT JUST THE  
13 RESIDENTS OF THE CANYON. ON THE SIGN THAT I ERECTED, I PUT MY  
14 PHONE NUMBER AND RECEIVED NUMEROUS CALLS FROM CONCERNED  
15 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. I WAS STOPPED OFTEN AT THE SIGN AS I  
16 WAS RETURNING HOME AND I EVEN HAD A FEW PEOPLE COME UP TO THE  
17 ROAD TO MY HOME. IT WAS A UNANIMOUS OPINION OF ALL THE  
18 CONVERSATIONS I'VE HAD WITH THESE PEOPLE THAT IT WOULD BE A  
19 SHAME TO LOSE THE RURAL CANYON TO A SUBDIVISION OF URBAN  
20 LIFESTYLE. THIS HELPS US UNDERSTAND A LITTLE BIT MORE. I  
21 LOOKED UP, TWO ACRES IS 87,120 SQUARE FEET. THIS IS WHAT  
22 THEY'RE ASKING, 15,000 SQUARE FEET. NOW, EXCUSE ME. I SCORED  
23 THE BACK TO SHOW THAT I'M NOT EXAGGERATING. THIS IS 1/6TH.  
24 EXCUSE ME. AND THIS IS REALLY A SUBURBAN LIFESTYLE AND NOT A  
25 RURAL LIFESTYLE.





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. ANDREA KATE  
3 MASON?

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5 **ANDREA KATE MASON:** HI, I'M ANDREA KATE MASON.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON ONE SECOND, ANDREA. LET ME  
8 JUST-- IS WINIFRED BOREN? WINIFRED BOREN, I'M SORRY? AND LINDA  
9 LUGER? ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD.

10

11 **ANDREA KATE MASON:** HI, I'M ANDREA KATE MASON. I HAVEN'T COME  
12 TODAY TO PROVIDE YOU WITH ANY NEW INFORMATION OR TO GIVE YOU  
13 ANY NEW BREAKING FACTS ON THIS CURRENT SITUATION. TODAY, I ADD  
14 MY VOICE TO THE OTHERS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO RETAINING THE A2-A  
15 ZONING IN HOPES THAT MY VOICE, ADDED TO THEIRS, CAN  
16 COLLECTIVELY BE HEARD. I DIDN'T COME TODAY WITH THE INTENTION  
17 OF ARGUING BUT INSTEAD OF PLEADING. I LOVE THE RURAL CANYON IN  
18 WHICH I GREW UP IN. I BELIEVE IT POSITIVELY AFFECTED MY GROWTH  
19 AND MY MATURITY. AND, WHILE I WOULD SENTIMENTALLY LIKE TO MAKE  
20 SURE THAT THIS CANYON NEVER CHANGES, I UNDERSTAND THAT TIME  
21 AND CHANGE BOTH TRAVEL HAND-IN-HAND. BUT I AM ALSO AWARE THE  
22 CHANGE CAN BE POSITIVE AND PROGRESSIVE OR IT CAN BE NEGATIVE  
23 AND DESTRUCTIVE. I WILL CRY OUT A SENTIMENT THE DAY THAT  
24 SOMEONE CHANGES THIS BEAUTIFUL PLOT OF LAND THAT THIS PROJECT  
25 IS PROPOSED TO BE BUILT ON. BUT IF THIS CHANGE ISN'T DRASTIC,



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1 IF THIS CHANGE CAN COME INTO OUR COMMUNITY RESPECTING AND  
2 ABIDING THE A2-A ZONING LAW, I THINK THE COMMUNITY WILL BE  
3 ABLE TO ACCEPT THIS CHANGE AS PROGRESS INSTEAD OF SEEING IT AS  
4 A SWIFT KICK IN THE PANTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GARY MASON? HANG ON A  
7 SECOND. IS IT SHEVRIE STOLARIK? MR. MASON?

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9 **GARY MASON:** MY NAME IS GARY MASON. I'M A RESIDENT OF SAN  
10 FRANCISQUITO CANYON. I'VE LIVED THERE FOR ABOUT 17 YEARS WITH  
11 THE TWO BEAUTIFUL REDHEADS YOU JUST HEARD FROM. BY YOUR  
12 DECISIONS TODAY, YOU WILL EITHER PROTECT OUR RURAL LIFESTYLE  
13 AND A VERY BEAUTIFUL AND UNIQUE COMMUNITY ASSET OR YOU CONDEMN  
14 IT TO BECOME JUST ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD. YOUR DECISION WILL  
15 ULTIMATELY DECIDE THE FATE OF THE REST OF OUR CANYON. TODAY'S  
16 MEETING WILL NOT BE THE FINAL DECISION BUT WILL BE THE  
17 BEGINNING. SUNCAL HAS ALREADY APPROACHED NEIGHBORING LAND  
18 OWNERS TRYING TO PURCHASE MORE LARGE PARCELS OF ACREAGE.  
19 WHETHER IT'S SUNCAL OR SOMEONE ELSE, TWO YEARS, FIVE YEARS OR  
20 10 YEARS FROM NOW, DEVELOPERS ARE GOING TO LOOK AT YOUR  
21 DECISION TODAY AND ARE EITHER GOING TO SAY, "THEY DID CLUSTER  
22 HOUSING, WE WANT TO DO IT, TOO," OR THEY WILL SAY, "CLUSTERED  
23 HOUSING FAILED. THE COUNTY IS SERIOUS ABOUT A2 ZONING." WE ARE  
24 NOT ASKING FOR CHANGE BUT ARE READY TO \_\_\_\_\_  
25 DEVELOPMENT IS TRYING TO CHANGE THE COMMITMENTS THEY HAVE MADE



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1 WITH THE COUNTY AND WITH OUR COMMUNITY REGARDING THE PREVIOUS  
2 ZONING APPROVALS AND ARE ASKING FOR HIGHER DENSITY IN OUR  
3 CANYON. AND SUNCAL IS ASKING FOR CLUSTERED HOUSING. BECAUSE OF  
4 A TECHNICALITY, SUNCAL WANTS TO GIVE THE COUNTY 160 ACRES IN  
5 EXCHANGE FOR HIGH DENSITY ON 29 ACRES. THE THING THEY DON'T  
6 TELL YOU IS THIS 160 ACRES IS RIVER BOTTOM, PROTECTED  
7 HILLSIDES WHICH CAN NEVER BE BUILT ON, ANYWAY. WE ARE NOT  
8 ASKING FOR NO GROWTH AND WE DO NOT EXPECT THINGS TO ALWAYS  
9 STAY EXACTLY AS THEY ARE NOW BUT WE ARE EXPECTING THE COUNTY,  
10 SUNCAL AND FUTURE DEVELOPERS TO HONOR CURRENT ZONING WITHOUT  
11 LOOPHOLES. WE HOPE YOU WILL HELP THESE DEVELOPERS BECOME PART  
12 OF OUR COMMUNITY INSTEAD OF TRYING TO CHANGE OUR COMMUNITY.  
13 THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WINIFRED BOREN.

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17 **WINIFRED BOREN:** I'M WINIFRED A. BOREN. MY HUSBAND AND I AND  
18 OUR FAMILY WITH SIX CHILDREN ARE 26-YEAR RESIDENTS OF SAN  
19 FRANCISQUITO CANYON IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. CHAIRMAN AND  
20 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME  
21 SET ASIDE TO LISTEN TO US, THE RESIDENTS OF SAN FRANCISQUITO  
22 CANYON. OUR CONCERNS ARE NOT OPPOSE DEVELOPMENT BUT RATHER THE  
23 SIZE OF THE PROPOSED HOME LOTS WHICH ARE CLUSTERED AND VIOLATE  
24 THE PRESIDENT A2-2 ZONING. I DON'T WANT TO REITERATE  
25 EVERYTHING THAT YOU'VE HEARD BEFORE BUT I DID WANT TO MENTION



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1 THAT THE PRESENT RESIDENTS AND I CHOSE TO LIVE IN SAN  
2 FRANCISQUITO CANYON BECAUSE OF THE RURAL CHARACTER AND THE  
3 BEAUTY OF THIS CANYON. WE RESIDENTS ARE NOT A SIGNIFICANT  
4 ECONOMIC BASE FOR THE COUNTY. WE'RE JUST ABOUT 60 PARCELS WITH  
5 FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS. BUT, NONETHELESS, WE RESIDENTS  
6 COMPLIED WITH ALL THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ZONING AND BUILDING  
7 AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS IN COMPLETING OUR HOMES AND RANCHES.  
8 WE EXPECT THE SAME KIND OF APPLICATION OF L.A. COUNTY MASTER  
9 PLAN ZONING AND ORDINANCES TO ALL THOSE ENTITIES THAT CHOOSE  
10 TO DEVELOP LAND IN OUR CANYON. ON FEBRUARY 26TH, 2003, THE LOS  
11 ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VOTED TO PROTECT, PRESERVE AND  
12 EXPAND THE EQUESTRIAN HERITAGE OF THE SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON.  
13 THIS WAS A PUBLIC PRESS RELEASE. THE APPROVAL OF THE 45 LOTS  
14 ON 29.1 ACRES OF BUILDABLE PROPERTY WILL NOT DO THIS. THIS IS  
15 ONE OF THE LAST REMAINING RURAL CORRIDORS IN OUR SAN FRAN-- IN  
16 OUR SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. PLEASE DON'T DESTROY IT BY ALLOWING  
17 SUNCAL'S PROPOSED CLUSTERING OF HOME LOTS WHEN-- ON SMALLER  
18 THAN PRESENT ZONING REQUIREMENTS.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO ASK  
21 RAY VIZCARRA ALSO TO COME DOWN HERE. LINDA LUGER?

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23 **LINDA LUGER:** MY NAME IS LINDA LUGER. I'M A PROUD RESIDENT OF  
24 THE SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON AND I OWN A HORSE BOARDING AND  
25 TRAINING FACILITY CALLED JUMP FOR JOY. I'M BASICALLY A CITY



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1 GIRL. I LIVED IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS.  
2 WHEN I WANTED TO ESTABLISH MY OWN RANCH WHERE I COULD SHARE MY  
3 EXPERTISE WITH OTHERS, I FOUND THAT THERE WASN'T MUCH LEFT IN  
4 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BECAUSE MOST OF THE ZONING BATTLES  
5 THERE HAD ALREADY BEEN LOST. SO I ACCIDENTALLY WOUND UP IN THE  
6 SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON AND I NEVER DREAMED WHAT I WOULD FIND  
7 WHEN I ARRIVED. WHEN I TOOK MY FIRST DRIVE INTO THE CANYON, I  
8 DISCOVERED, TO MY AMAZEMENT, ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AREAS I  
9 HAD EVER SEEN. THE SHRUBBERY, THE MOUNTAINS, THE VALLEYS, THE  
10 FLOWERS, THE WASH, ALL OF IT YET UNDESTROYED BY HUMANS. THERE  
11 WERE HOUSES, YES, BUT THEY WERE SURROUNDED BY ACREAGE AND  
12 FIELDS, LEAVING THE BEAUTY OF THE AREA TO BE SEEN AND SHARED  
13 BY EVERYBODY. THERE WERE TONS OF ANIMALS, BOTH DOMESTIC AND  
14 WILD. I DIDN'T KNOW AT THE TIME THAT THERE WERE PLANS TO PUT  
15 IN SOME 600 HIGH DENSITY UNITS. THIS DEVELOPER PRESSURED ME,  
16 STRONG-ARMED ME AND THREATENED ME TO TRY TO GET ME TO SELL MY  
17 PROPERTY. I DECLINED. AND I WAS TOLD THAT I WAS LIKE THE  
18 LITTLE BOY WITH HIS FINGER IN THE DYKE TRYING TO STOP  
19 INEVITABLE PROGRESS. WELL, MAYBE THAT WAS TRUE BUT WE DIDN'T  
20 SELL AND OUR RUSTIC BEAUTIFUL LITTLE NEIGHBORHOOD SURVIVED.  
21 NOW, THAT DEVELOPER HAD IT WRONG. I WASN'T TRYING TO STOP  
22 PROGRESS. NONE OF US WERE AND NONE OF US ARE. WHAT WE'RE  
23 TRYING TO DO IS STOP THIS UNEQUIVOCAL, IRREVOCABLE DESTRUCTION  
24 OF ONE OF THE FEW UNPAVED AREAS LEFT IN SANTA CLARITA. WE WANT  
25 TO RETAIN THE ZONING THAT WAS PROMISED US. HUNDREDS OF



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1 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE DRIVE THROUGH THIS AREA. WE HOLD CHARITY  
2 EVENTS. WE HAVE HORSE SHOWS. WE WORK WITH THE HANDICAPPED AND  
3 ENRICH THEIR LIVES WITH THE JOY OF HORSES AND NATURE. WE TEACH  
4 PEOPLE TO RIDE FROM AGE 4 TO 64. THE CHILDREN LEARN TO ASPIRE  
5 TO ACHIEVEMENT. THEY LEARN COMPASSION FOR OTHER PEOPLE, FOR  
6 ANIMALS. THEY LEARN RESPONSIBILITY. AND THEY HAVE AN  
7 ALTERNATIVE TO CHOOSE OVER DRUGS AND GANGS AND BAD BEHAVIORS.  
8 AND THE ADULTS LEARN THAT IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO GRASP FOR  
9 THEIR DREAMS. THIS CANYON INSTILLS IN PEOPLE THE LOVE, AWE AND  
10 RESPECT OF NATURE AND HER CREATURES. WHAT COMPARABLE BENEFIT  
11 TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CAN 20 MORE TRACT HOMES ON TEENY LOTS  
12 OFFER? PLEASE DON'T LET THIS GAIN FOR ONE PERSON OUTWEIGH OUR  
13 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU. MISS STOLARIK?

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15 **SHERRIE STOLARIK:** HELLO. MY NAME IS SHERRIE STOLARIK. I'M A  
16 MEMBER OF THE SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON PRESERVATION  
17 ASSOCIATION. THANK YOU, CHAIR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR  
18 LISTENING TO OUR APPEAL TODAY REGARDING THE SUNCAL PROJECT  
19 LOCATED IN THE HEART OF A RURAL EQUESTRIAN-ORIENTED COMMUNITY  
20 OF OVER 400 HORSES, BOARDING FACILITIES AND TRAILS RECORDED BY  
21 THE SANTA CLARITA TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THIS WORK WAS  
22 DONE IN THIS AREA TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, ENHANCE AND EXPAND THE  
23 EQUESTRIAN LIFESTYLE AND TO CONNECT AND PROMOTE OUR  
24 COMMUNITIES FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. THE MOTION HAS MOVED MANY  
25 OF US TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO INCORPORATE COMMUNITY



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1 STANDARDS FROM CASTAIC TO JUNIPER HILLS. THIS IS TO REQUEST  
2 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORT SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON,  
3 UPHOLD THE CURRENT ZONING WITH A MINIMUM OF TWO ACRE LOT  
4 SIZES, COMPLY WITH THE GENERAL PLANS AGRICULTURAL ORDINANCE  
5 NUMBER 74-86 AND THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WIDE AREA PLAN THAT  
6 DESIGNATES THIS AREA TO BE RESIDENTIAL ESTATE, MINIMUM TWO  
7 ACRES. THE SURROUNDING LAND USE WESTERLY, NORTH AND EAST IS A  
8 MINIMUM OF 5 TO 80 ACRES. TESORO DEL VALLE'S APPROVED  
9 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT STATES THAT PHASES B AND C ADJACENT TO  
10 THIS PROJECT IS 1 TO 20 ACRES. SUNCAL STATES THEIR PROJECT IS  
11 TRANSITIONING INTO THIS CANYON BUT THE PROJECT IS NOT  
12 CONSISTENT WITH THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES' CHARACTER AND  
13 LIFESTYLE. WE ARE REQUESTING RURAL STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT WITH  
14 NO CURBS OR SIDEWALKS. PUBLIC WORKS STATES THAT A MINIMUM OF  
15 20,000 SQUARE ACRE LOTS ARE REQUIRED FOR RURAL STREETS. THE  
16 PROJECT STARTS AT 15,000 SQUARE FEET TO MAYBE 4. WE ARE ALSO  
17 REQUESTING THAT EACH LOT HAVE A RECORDED AREA KNOWN AS A  
18 PRIMARY ANIMAL-KEEPING AREA IN PERPETUITY SO THAT FUTURE  
19 BUYERS CAN HAVE HORSES, REGARDLESS IF THE PREVIOUS OWNER HAS  
20 HAD THEM OR NOT. WE ARE A THRIVING EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY. HOME  
21 TO EQUESTRIAN TRAIL SAUGUS SADDLE CLUB, CALIFORNIA RANGERS,  
22 MOUNTED POSSE RESERVE, TRAINING FACILITIES AND OTHER RANCHES.  
23 PLEASE SUPPORT THIS RURAL COMMUNITY AS WE ARE SUBMITTING OUR  
24 OWN COMMUNITY STANDARDS WITH THE COUNTY. WE DO NOT WISH TO  
25 ANNEX TO THE CITY. THANK YOU.





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. LAST CARD IS RAY  
3 VIZCARRA.

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5 **RAY VIZCARRA:** HI. I'VE OWNED PROPERTY IN THE CANYON FOR ABOUT  
6 45 YEARS. AND, WHEN TESORO CAME IN, THEY GAVE ME ACCESS TO MY  
7 PROPERTY AND I WAS VERY HAPPY BECAUSE THERE'S A ROAD RIGHT  
8 NEXT TO MY PROPERTY. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY CAME BY WITH A BIG  
9 TRACTOR AND THEY LOWERED THE ROADBED BY 25 TO 30 FEET. SO NOW  
10 MY ACCESS IS LIKE 30 FEET IN THE AIR. NOW THEY'RE GOING TO  
11 BUILD AROUND ME TO THE EAST AND TO THE NORTH. AND THE TWO  
12 BUILDABLE AREAS THAT I HAVE ARE IN THOSE TWO AREAS. AND I'VE  
13 ALWAYS TRAVELED ACROSS THE LADY LINDA RANCH, WHICH IS THE  
14 PROPERTY THAT THEY'RE DEVELOPING, TO GET TO THOSE TWO SITES.  
15 THEY DID NOT MAKE PROVISION FOR ME TO GET TO THEM. ONCE THEY  
16 BUILD THIS OUT, I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET TO MY PROPERTY. AND  
17 THEY PROMISED TO TALK TO ME AND THEY NEVER DID. YOU KNOW, IT  
18 WAS JUST-- I WENT TO THOSE MEETINGS AND THEY GO "HI, HOW ARE  
19 YOU, GLAD TO KNOW YOU. GIVE ME YOUR PHONE NUMBER. I'LL GET  
20 BACK TO YOU." NOTHING.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MR. ANTONOVICH?

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D ASK A PROCEDURAL QUESTION. I'M VERY  
25 CONCERNED ABOUT THE LOT SIZES AND THE IMPACT IT HAS. DO WE



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1 HAVE THE ABILITY, BY CONTINUING IT HERE, TO MAKE THAT DECISION  
2 TO REDUCE THE LOT SIZE AND LET'S SAY INCREASE THE ACREAGE TO  
3 1-ACRE LOT SIZE HOMES OR DO WE HAVE TO REFER THAT BACK TO THE  
4 REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT?

5

6 **SUSAN TAE:** THE BOARD HAS THE JURISDICTION TO DO SEND IT BACK  
7 TO THE COMMISSION FOR THE CHANGES. THE ORIGINAL PROJECT  
8 DESIGN, I BELIEVE, DID NOT CONTEMPLATE 1-ACRE LOTS. SO I MAY  
9 REFER TO COUNTY COUNSEL AS FAR AS IF THERE IS ANY LEGAL  
10 CONCERNS WITH HAVING THE CASE STAY WITH YOUR BOARD IF THE  
11 COMMISSION DID NOT CONSIDER.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. AND THEN I'LL ASK COUNSEL THEN I'LL  
14 MAKE A MOTION THAT WE HAVE THIS THEN SENT BACK TO REGIONAL  
15 PLANNING COMMISSION FOR 1-ACRE LOT SIZES ON THIS PROPOSAL.

16

17 **RICK WEISS, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I BELIEVE STATE  
18 LAW ACTUALLY REQUIRES THAT, ONCE THE SUBDIVISION IS APPEALED  
19 TO YOUR BOARD, THAT YOU HAVE TO RETAIN JURISDICTION OVER IT.  
20 HOWEVER, YOUR BOARD COULD REFER IT BACK TO THE SUBDIVISION  
21 COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND SUGGESTED CONDITIONS ON A REVISED MAP  
22 THAT INCLUDES 2-ACRE LOTS. I WOULD POINT OUT THAT PART OF THE  
23 REDESIGN THAT WAS-- THE EVOLUTION OF THIS CASE AND THE  
24 REDESIGN WAS IN ORDER TO PROTECT A SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL  
25 AREA. AND SO IS IT YOUR MOTION THAT THE DEVELOPMENT STILL BE



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1 WITHIN THE ENVELOPE CURRENTLY THAT IS PROPOSED FOR THE SINGLE-  
2 FAMILY RESIDENCES?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'D BE THE PROPOSAL THAT'S BEFORE US TODAY  
5 BUT THE DENSITY IS EXTREMELY HIGH AND THE INTENT WOULD BE TO  
6 HAVE A MINIMUM OF 1-ACRE LOTS.

7

8 **RICK WEISS, COUNSEL:** OKAY. THEN WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST IS THAT  
9 YOU-- WELL, YOU CAN CONTINUE THE APPEAL TO A DATE CERTAIN. YOU  
10 CAN REFER IT BACK TO THE SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE FOR A REVIEW OF  
11 A REVISED MAP AND CONDITIONS AND ASK THAT THEY BE TRANSMITTED  
12 TO YOUR BOARD. AND I WOULD SUGGEST, GIVEN THAT, THAT YOU MAY  
13 WANT TO PICK 60 OR 90 DAYS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. AND YOU RECOMMEND 60 DAYS OR 30 DAYS?

16

17 **RICK WEISS, COUNSEL:** WELL, I WAS SUGGESTING 60 OR 90 DAYS.  
18 IT'S REALLY A QUESTION OF HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE A REVISED MAP  
19 TO BE SUBMITTED AND FOR THE SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE TO REVIEW  
20 IT.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION?

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1   **SUSAN TAE:** DEPENDING ON THE READINESS OF THE APPLICANT OR THE  
2   ENGINEER TO SUBMIT A MAP, STAFF WOULD PROBABLY RECOMMEND 90  
3   DAYS.

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5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. UP TO 90 DAYS. IF YOU CAN DO IT SOONER,  
6   THEN FINE. OKAY. SO THAT'S THE MOTION, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THAT 1-ACRE LOTS OR 2-ACRE  
9   LOTS?

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11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MINIMUM 1-ACRE LOT MINIMUM.

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13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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15   **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO REALLY ASK A QUESTION ABOUT THE MAN  
16   WHO SAID THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO HIS PROPERTY. I'D  
17   LIKE TO HEAR SOME RESPONSE TO THAT. AND, WHEN THEY COME BACK,  
18   COULD THAT BE ADDRESSED?

19

20   **SUSAN TAE:** YES. IF THE TESTIFIER COULD CLARIFY HIS PROPERTY  
21   LOCATION, WE CAN LOOK INTO IT.

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23   **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, NOT ONLY CLARIFYING IT, I DON'T SEE HOW YOU  
24   CAN KEEP A PERSON FROM HAVING ACCESS.

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1   **SUSAN TAE:** THE SUBDIVISION CURRENTLY-- THE SUBDIVISION  
2   PROPERTY CURRENTLY TAKES ACCESS FROM LADY LINDA LANE, WHICH I  
3   BELIEVE THE TESTIFIER DID REFER TO. THE SUBDIVISION DESIGN  
4   THAT WAS BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING DOES PROPOSE A CONNECTION  
5   NORTHERLY. AND, DEPENDING UPON THE LOCATION OF THIS PROPERTY,  
6   HE WOULD BE ABLE TO USE THAT PROPOSED ACCESS, SO...

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8   **SUP. BURKE:** WOULD YOU LET US KNOW ABOUT THAT?

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10   **SUSAN TAE:** CERTAINLY, WE CAN CONTACT THE TESTIFIER.

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12   **SUP. BURKE:** REVIEW IT BECAUSE THAT'S SOMETHING THAT, YOU KNOW,  
13   I DON'T SEE HOW THEY CAN EVEN MOVE FORWARD TO TRY TO DIVIDE--  
14   YOU KNOW, PREVENT A PERSON FROM HAVING ACCESS TO THEIR LAND.

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANY OTHER  
17   DISCUSSION? SO THE ITEM WILL BE BACK BEFORE THE BOARD WITHIN  
18   90 DAYS?

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20   **RICK WEISS, COUNSEL:** I WOULD ASK THAT THE BOARD CONTINUE THE  
21   APPEAL HEARING TO A DATE CERTAIN, THE 90-DAY DATE, AND THEN  
22   DIRECT STAFF TO RETURN WITH A REVISED MAP AND CONDITIONS AFTER  
23   REVIEW BY SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE.

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25   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT WOULD BE THAT DATE?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT DEPENDS WHEN IT COMES BACK FROM THE...

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, NO, WE NEED TO CONTINUE IT TO  
5 A DATE CERTAIN SO I'M JUST LOOKING FOR WHAT THE DATE IS.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** BE THE JUNE PLANNING MEETING?

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** JUNE 26TH WOULD BE THE PLANNING MEETING.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, WHY DON'T WE SAY  
12 JULY? WELL, WE CAN SAY JUNE AND THEN WE CAN CONTINUE IT IF YOU  
13 NEED TO. OKAY, THE JUNE PLANNING MEETING. WHAT DATE IS THAT?

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** JUNE 26TH.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** JUNE 26TH.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO  
20 TESTIFIED, AS WELL.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. [ APPLAUSE ]

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 5. WE'RE  
25 REALLY MOVING ALONG HERE.



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**CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 5. THIS IS THE DE NOVO HEARING ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND OAK TREE PERMIT, CASE NUMBERS 97-178-3, INVESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP, CASE NUMBER 52419-3, AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT TO CREATE 66 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS, FIVE OPEN SPACE LOTS, SIX LANDSCAPE LOTS AND TWO PUBLIC FACILITY LOTS ON 320.3 GROSS ACRES LOCATED EAST AND WEST OF CANAAN ROAD AND CORNELL ROAD IN THE UNINCORPORATED SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, MALIBU ZONED DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY HALLADAY & MIM MACK INCORPORATED ON BEHALF OF THE SAGE COMMUNITY GROUP. THERE WAS WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER.

13

**SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S HAVE A BRIEF STAFF REPORT AND THEN WE'LL HAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

16

**SUSAN TAE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SUSAN TAE AND I'M SUPERVISING REGIONAL PLANNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. I HAVE WITH ME MR. JOSEPH DECONAIR, COUNTY BIOLOGIST, MR. PAUL MCCARTHY FROM THE REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND MR. DENNIS HUNTER FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. THIS IS AN APPEAL FOR A DENIED SUBDIVISION PROJECT KNOWN AS TRIANGLE RANCH THAT REQUESTS 66 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS. A PORTION OF THE PROJECT SITE IS WITHIN A SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA AND CONTAINS ENDANGERED LYON'S PENTACHAETA AND THREATENS





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1 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAIN'S DEADLIEST SPECIES. THE PROJECT WAS  
2 BEFORE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR SIX PUBLIC  
3 HEARINGS, DURING WHICH TIME FOUR PROJECT DESIGNS WERE  
4 PRESENTED. DURING THESE PROCEEDINGS, THE COMMISSION CONTINUED  
5 TO ASK FOR A PROJECT DESIGN TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE SANTA  
6 MONICA MOUNTAINS' NORTH AREA PLAN AND, IN SEPTEMBER 2006, THE  
7 APPLICANT REQUESTED THAT THE COMMISSION DENY THE PROJECT TO  
8 ENABLE AN APPEAL TO YOUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE COMMISSION  
9 REQUESTED THAT THIS BE CONVEYED TO YOUR BOARD AS THEY FELT  
10 THAT, EVEN THOUGH THE PROJECT HAD NOT YET ACHIEVED  
11 CONSISTENCY, EACH REDESIGN WAS IMPROVEMENT TOWARDS A BETTER  
12 PROJECT. A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WAS PREPARED AND  
13 CONCLUDED THAT IMPACTS TO VISUAL AND BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES  
14 COULD NOT BE MITIGATED TO LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT. THIS  
15 CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION UNLESS THERE ARE FURTHER QUESTIONS.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OF THE OTHER STAFF  
18 HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD AT THIS POINT?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** NO, SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME-- WE'RE GOING TO  
23 HAVE THE APPLICANT OR THE APPELLANT, I GUESS, WHICH IS ONE AND  
24 THE SAME, ADDRESS US FIRST. THEN I'M GOING TO HEAR FROM--  
25 WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM A GROUP OF PEOPLE, A PORTION OF WHOM



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1 HAVE CEDED THEIR TIME. SO I HAVE AGREED TO ALLOW A MAXIMUM OF  
2 30 MINUTES FOR THOSE FOLKS WHO ARE PART OF THE PACKAGE WHO  
3 HAVE CEDED THEIR TIME AND IT ADDS UP, IF THEY ALL SPOKE, IT  
4 WOULD BE 2 MINUTES EACH, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN 30 MINUTES SO  
5 IT'LL BE 30 MINUTES HOWEVER THEY WANT TO DIVIDE UP THEIR TIME.  
6 BUT, WHEN 30 MINUTES COMES UP, MISS HOLMES, YOUR GROUP, THAT'S  
7 THE END OF IT. AND THEN WE HAVE ANOTHER GROUP OF PEOPLE, WHO  
8 WERE NOT PART OF THAT BACK ROOM DEAL, WHO WILL BE HEARD ALSO  
9 IN OPPOSITION TO IT AT 2 MINUTES EACH AND THEN THAT WILL BE  
10 THE END OF THE HEARING. SO WE'LL START WITH THE PROPONENTS.  
11 IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE.

12

13 **STEVEN WESTON:** MR. CHAIRMAN, STEVEN WESTON WITH THE WESTON  
14 BENCHU LAW FIRM, ATTORNEY FOR THE APPLICANT AND APPELLANT,  
15 SAGE COMMUNITY GROUP. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AS NOTED BY STAFF,  
16 THIS IS AN APPEAL FROM THE DENIAL OF THE PROJECT BY THE  
17 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION LAST NOVEMBER. THE MATTER HAS  
18 BEEN PENDING FOR 10 YEARS IN THE COUNTY. THERE HAVE BEEN  
19 NUMEROUS PUBLIC HEARINGS, A FULL EIR, AND MANY REVISIONS TO  
20 THE SITE PLAN BUT SOME BASICS ABOUT THE PROJECT HAVE NOT  
21 CHANGED. IT'S A 320-ACRE SITE. DEVELOPMENT IS PROPOSED ON  
22 ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THE SITE, LEAVING THE BALANCE OF THE SITE  
23 AS PERMANENT OPEN SPACE TO BE DEDICATED TO THE COUNTY OR OTHER  
24 PUBLIC ENTITY AT THE COUNTY'S DISCRETION. THE SITE PLAN HAS  
25 CHANGED NUMEROUS TIMES. BEFORE THE NORTH AREA PLAN WAS



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1 ADOPTED, THE PROPOSAL WAS IN EXCESS OF 120 UNITS IN ABOUT THE  
2 SAME SPACE. AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE NORTH AREA PLAN, WHICH  
3 LIMITED, UNDER THE ZONING, TO 108 UNITS, REVISED SITE PLANS  
4 WERE SUBMITTED LEADING UP TO TODAY, THE APPEAL FROM A 66-LOT  
5 SUBDIVISION. THE PROJECT PRESERVES SUBSTANTIAL OPEN SPACE. AS  
6 I SAID, 90 PERCENT OF THE SITE. IN ADDITION, WHILE THERE IS  
7 SOME LIMITED DEVELOPMENT IN THE S.E.A., WHICH IS PERMISSIBLE  
8 UNDER THE COUNTY RULES, 94 PERCENT OF THE S.E.A. IS PRESERVED.  
9 TWO SPECIES OF PROTECTION ARE NOTED ON THE SITE. THE LYON'S  
10 PENTACHAETA, AN HERB, WILL BE PRESERVED, ABOUT .23 ACRES OF  
11 THE LYON'S PENTACHAETA WILL BE DISTURBED-- I'M SORRY, YES, OUT  
12 OF 8.8 ACRES, THAT'S 97.5 PERCENT PROTECTION. AGAIN, THE  
13 DUDLEYA, SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS DUDLEYA, ANOTHER HERB, ABOUT  
14 .09 ACRES, LESS THAN A TENTH OF AN ACRE WILL BE IMPACTED. THE  
15 REASON WE HAVE APPEALED IS THAT WE BELIEVE THE REGIONAL  
16 PLANNING COMMISSION INCORRECTLY DETERMINED THAT THE PROPOSED  
17 PROJECT WAS INCONSISTENT WITH THE NORTH AREA PLAN AND WITH THE  
18 S.E.A. REQUIREMENTS. THE NORTH AREA PLAN, WITH RESPECT TO  
19 HABITAT PROTECTION, REQUIRES DEVELOPMENT TO PRESERVE, TO THE  
20 EXTENT POSSIBLE, HABITAT PROTECTION. THERE IS A PARTICULAR  
21 POLICY THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION RELIED UPON,  
22 POLICY 4(3)(B) STATES THAT, WITHIN DESIGNATED HABITAT AREAS,  
23 DISTURBANCE OF PROTECTED BIOTIC RESOURCES IS PROHIBITED. THE  
24 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
25 INCORRECTLY BELIEVE THIS POLICY APPLIES. THE U.S. FISH AND



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1 WILDLIFE SERVICE HAS DETERMINED THAT TRIANGLE RANCH IS NOT  
2 DESIGNATED HABITAT FOR EITHER OF THESE SPECIES. OUR POSITION  
3 IS, AND I THINK IT'S SUPPORTED BY LAW, IS THEREFORE THAT  
4 POLICY PROHIBITION DOESN'T APPLY. IN ADDITION WITHIN THE LAST  
5 FEW DAYS, THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE HAS ISSUED A  
6 DRAFT BIOLOGICAL OPINION. THIS OPINION WILL BECOME FINAL. BUT  
7 I WANTED TO NOTE, BECAUSE IT IS NOT YET IN THE RECORD, THAT  
8 THE BIOLOGICAL OPINION SPECIFICALLY LOOKED AT TRIANGLE RANCH  
9 AND DETERMINED THAT NEITHER SPECIES WAS GOING TO BE IMPACTED  
10 BY THIS DEVELOPMENT. IT SAYS THE POPULATION ON THE TRIANGLE  
11 RANCH PROPERTY REPRESENTS A SMALL PORTION OF THE SPECIES, THE  
12 SAME WORDING FOR BOTH THE DUDLEYA AND THE LYON'S PENTACHAETA  
13 SO ANTICIPATED EFFECTS ARE NOT LIKELY TO APPRECIABLY REDUCE  
14 THE OVERALL POPULATION. THEY WILL ISSUE THE NECESSARY TAKINGS  
15 PERMIT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT IF THIS PROJECT IS APPROVED. IN  
16 SUM, OUR POSITION IS, AND I THINK IT'S SUPPORTED BY LAW, THAT  
17 WE HAVE DONE A VERY GOOD JOB OF PRESERVING A SPECIES. THIS IS  
18 NOT CRITICAL HABITAT FOR EITHER SPECIES. WE HAVE CLUSTERED  
19 DEVELOPMENT, REDUCED THE SIZE OF THE DEVELOPMENT DRAMATICALLY.  
20 WE'RE DOWN TO 66 UNITS. CLUSTERED DEVELOPMENT. WE WOULD HOPE  
21 THAT THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WOULD GRANT THE APPEAL AND  
22 APPROVE THE PROJECT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

23



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DANIEL MINTZER? IS MR.  
2   MINTZER HERE? MISS HOLMS, YOU'LL BE NEXT SO YOUR GROUP,  
3   HOWEVER YOU WANT TO ORGANIZE IT.

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5   **DANIEL MINTZER:** HI, MY NAME IS DANIEL MINTZER. I'VE BEEN  
6   INVOLVED WITH THIS-- OH, I'M SORRY, SIR.

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. I'M SORRY. HANG ON A SECOND,  
9   MR. MINTZER. THERE YOU GO. GO AHEAD.

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11   **DANIEL MINTZER:** HI, MY NAME IS DANIEL MINTZER, I'VE BEEN  
12   INVOLVED IN THIS PROPERTY FOR CLOSE TO 50 YEARS. IT WAS MY  
13   FATHER'S AND MOTHER'S, WHO ARE NOW DECEASED AND IT'S  
14   UNFORTUNATE MANY OF OUR OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ARE NOT HERE AS  
15   THEY ARE ELDERLY. SOME OF THE OWNERSHIP IS ON SECOND, THIRD  
16   GENERATION. I THINK WE'VE DONE A GOOD JOB OF TRYING TO  
17   ACCOMMODATE PARTIES. I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF OPPOSITION THAT  
18   PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE AREA DON'T WANT OTHERS TO BENEFIT FROM  
19   IT. I URGE YOUR SUPPORT AND SOME RESOLUTION TO THIS  
20   LONGSTANDING ISSUE. THANK YOU.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. COLLEEN. I  
23   HAVE THEM IN A PARTICULAR ORDER. IS THAT THE WAY YOU WANT TO  
24   HANDLE IT?

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1   **COLLEEN HOLMS:** YES.

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3   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO WE'LL ASK-- DON'T  
4   START HER TIME UNTIL WE GET THIS ORGANIZED. COLLEEN HOLMES,  
5   THEN TOM DODSON, PAUL CULBERG, ROBERT BARON. THOSE WILL BE THE  
6   FIRST FOUR. DON'T START IT UNTIL SHE STARTS. SO FOR YOUR WHOLE  
7   GROUP, WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU 30 MINUTES. OKAY. WE'LL START  
8   THAT ONE RIGHT NOW. GO AHEAD.

9

10   **COLLEEN HOLMS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. MY  
11   NAME IS COLLEEN HOLMES. I LIVE AT 3700 OLD OAK ROAD IN AGOURA.  
12   I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE CORNELL PRESERVATION ORGANIZATION, AN  
13   ORGANIZATION THAT STARTED OVER 10 YEARS AGO TO CALL FOR  
14   RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. WE ARE  
15   NOT ALONE IN OUR DISMAY WITH THIS PROJECT. BEFORE THE PLANNING  
16   COMMISSION, TESTIMONY AND WRITTEN PETITIONS SHOWED THE  
17   COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION THE COMMUNITY AND GROUPS HAVE HAD TO  
18   GET THIS PROJECT MORE RESPONSIBLE. WE HAVE SUBMITTED OR ARE  
19   DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO HAVING AT LEAST 300 OPPONENTS TESTIFY  
20   AGAINST THIS PROJECT. I'M SUBMITTING ANOTHER 50 SIGNATURES  
21   AGAINST THIS PROJECT TODAY AND A LETTER WRITTEN BY WAYNE  
22   GRECO, WHO COULDN'T ATTEND THIS MEETING TODAY. IT IS IMPORTANT  
23   TO NOTE THAT CPO IS NOT AGAINST RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT,  
24   ESPECIALLY WITH AN S.E.A. RIPARIAN HABITAT, CENSUS WITH  
25   SPECIES IMPACTS AND IMPACTS IN GRADING OF VIEW SHED THAT THE



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1 DEVELOPER MUST BE COMMITTED TO. SOME OF THE OTHER AGENCIES AND  
2 GROUPS THAT HAVE SUPPORTED US OR SEE US CONCEPTUALLY HEADING  
3 IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION ARE AS FOLLOWS: THE SANTA MONICA  
4 MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY, THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, HEAL THE  
5 BAY, SAVE OPEN SPACE, COLD CREEK, TOPANGA CANYON, OLD AGOURA,  
6 CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY, CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, TRIUNFO  
7 LOBO, MEDEA MESA, SEMINOLE SPRINGS, MALIBU LAKESIDE, MALIBU  
8 LAKE MOUNTAIN CLUB, WAGON ROAD RANCHOS, CORNELL ROAD RANCHOS,  
9 COUNTRYSIDE ESTATES. IN FACT, WE CAN'T FIND ANYBODY WHO  
10 SUPPORTS THIS BESIDES THE DEVELOPER. 66 HOMES MAY FIT WITHIN  
11 THE QUANTITATIVE FIGURE FOR THE NORTH AREA PLAN BUT IT STILL  
12 DOES NOT ADDRESS THE MASSIVE GRADING, RETAINING WALLS, S.E.A.  
13 PROTECTION, SENSITIVE SPECIES PROTECTION, BLUE LINE STREAM  
14 PROTECTION AND BUFFERS, MAJOR TRAIL PRESERVATIONS. THIS PLAN  
15 NEEDS TO COMMIT TO PRESERVING THESE ISSUES. THE PLANNING  
16 COMMISSION SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE 4, 44 HOMES DURING THEIR  
17 INVESTIGATION. CPO, ALONG WITH THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS  
18 CONSERVANCY, HAS COME UP WITH A NEW PLAN THAT WORKS WITHIN A  
19 CERTAIN FOOTPRINT THAT STAYS WITHIN AN ALREADY DEGRADED AREA  
20 ON THIS PARCEL. I WOULD LIKE TO GO OVER IT WITH YOU NOW AND  
21 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE. HOW AM I GOING TO DO THIS?  
22 STAND UP?

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE CAN GET YOU A HANDHELD MIC.

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1 **COLLEEN HOLMS:** IS THIS PART OF MY TIME?

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES. WE'LL GIVE YOU ONE RIGHT  
4 HERE.

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6 **COLLEEN HOLMS:** ARE YOU STOPPING MY TIME? DO YOU WANT ME TO  
7 STAND RIGHT HERE?

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE...

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11 **COLLEEN HOLMS:** CAN I STAND CLOSE TO THAT?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN GO OVER THERE, SURE. THE  
14 MIC WILL WORK.

15

16 **COLLEEN HOLMS:** OKAY. FIRST OF ALL, WHAT I WANT TO SHOW YOU IS  
17 A PLAN THAT SHOWS VERY CLEARLY WHERE THE SENSITIVE SPECIES  
18 ARE, THE OAK TREES, THE FLOODPLAIN OF MEDEA CREEK, TRAILS,  
19 IMPORTANT CONNECTIVE TRAILS, THE FIRE STATION, LADY FACE  
20 MOUNTAIN, SIGNIFICANT RIDGE LINE AND S.E.A. NUMBER 6. NOW,  
21 LET'S PUT THIS DOWN. THE FOOTPRINT THAT YOU'RE SEEING TODAY  
22 SHOWS, IN OUR OPINION, A MAJOR CONCESSION FROM THE COMMUNITY  
23 SURROUNDING THIS PROJECT. AND WHAT IT SHOWS IN THE LADY FACE  
24 SIZE, IT SHOWS A TOTAL OF 41 UNITS, APPROXIMATELY 10,000  
25 SQUARE FEET PER UNIT, THAT STAY WITHIN THE FOOTPRINT OF THE



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1 ALREADY DEGRADED AREAS. IF YOU WOULD PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT  
2 THIS SIDE OVER HERE. IF YOU CAN SEE WHERE IT SAYS 41 HOMES AND  
3 THEN DISTURBED AREA, THAT'S WHAT THIS FOOTPRINT MIMICS. WE  
4 ALSO HAVE A DRIVEWAY, WHICH IS WHERE THE DRIVEWAY CURRENTLY IS  
5 LOCATED OR A ROADWAY. AND WE FEEL THAT IT'S BETTER ALIGNED ON  
6 THIS SIDE AS OPPOSED TO THIS BUFFER AREA-- WE'RE PROTECTING  
7 ALL THESE HERITAGE OAKS IN HERE AND IT DOESN'T APPEAR AS A  
8 VERY PROMINENT AREA AS YOU'RE COMING INTO THE SANTA MONICA  
9 MOUNTAINS. IT'S MORE BUFFERED BY PUTTING THE DRIVEWAY ON THIS  
10 AREA. ALSO, WE HAVE AREAS WHERE IT SHOWS EASEMENTS,  
11 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS BUT THEY'VE GOT A TOTAL OF 41 HOMES IN  
12 HERE AND IT KEEPS IT OUT OF SENSITIVE AREAS. ALSO, ON THE  
13 OTHER SIDE IN MEDEA MESA, WE HAVE THE STREETS ALIGNED. AGAIN,  
14 THERE IS AN EXISTING ROAD IN THIS AREA AND YOU CAN SEE IT ON  
15 THAT PLAN. THERE'S FIVE HOMES. IT'S VERY MUCH PROTECTED IN  
16 KEEPING OUT OF THE BUFFER ZONE OF THE RIPARIAN AREAS. IT DOES  
17 NOT HAVE THIS LONG DRIVEWAY THAT GOES OVER WILDLIFE CORRIDORS,  
18 THROUGH GROVES OF OAKS AND FILLS IN A RAVINE. IT KEEPS OUT OF  
19 THAT. ON THE OTHER SIDE, BY THE FIRE STATION, THERE IS FOUR  
20 HOMES, TWO OF WHICH ARE EQUESTRIAN AREAS. THE AREA TO THE  
21 NORTH-- I'M SORRY, THE SOUTH OF THE FIRE STATION WOULD BE IN A  
22 LARGE EQUESTRIAN PORTION OF LOT 50, WHICH WOULD ALLOW A VIEW  
23 SHED TO STILL BE MAINTAINED INTO THE S.E.A. ANYWAY, THERE'S  
24 BEEN A LOT OF THOUGHT THAT'S GONE INTO IT. WE'VE ACTUALLY HAD  
25 AN ENGINEER, A CERTIFIED CIVIL ENGINEER THAT CAME UP WITH



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1 THIS. AND WE FEEL, AS A COMMUNITY, THIS IS A BETTER FIT. AND  
2 WE FEEL THAT WE'VE WORKED VERY HARD TO COME UP WITH THIS AND  
3 THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKE THIS  
4 INTO CONSIDERATION TODAY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, COLLEEN.

7

8 **COLLEEN HOLMS:** AND TO STAY WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT FOOTPRINT  
9 THAT WE'VE SHOWN.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANYTHING ELSE?

12

13 **COLLEEN HOLMS:** NO.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. DODSON?

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17 **TOM DODSON:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS TOM  
18 DODSON. I'VE BEEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISOR FOR THE CORNELL  
19 PRESERVATION ORGANIZATION FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS. I GOT INVOLVED  
20 BECAUSE MY SISTER-IN-LAW HAPPENS TO LIVE HERE AND THAT GETS  
21 YOU INVOLVED IN A LOT OF THINGS.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AREN'T YOU LUCKY?

24



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1   **TOM DODSON:** YES, SIR, ABSOLUTELY. MOVING ON QUICKLY, LET ME  
2   SEE IF I CAN HIT THE ISSUES. I SUBMITTED A LETTER THAT  
3   ENCOMPASSES ALL OF THE CONCERNS THAT THE CPO HAS RAISED OVER  
4   THE YEARS. I WANTED YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAD THAT AS  
5   BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR YOUR DECISION TODAY. TODAY, THOUGH,  
6   MY INPUT IS FOCUSED ON PROVIDING YOU WITH THE REASONS WHY THE  
7   FOOTPRINT AND THE PROJECT THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED HERE IS  
8   DIFFERENT THAN AND BETTER THAN WHAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY THE  
9   DEVELOPER WITH THEIR 66-LOT SUBDIVISION. AND, WITH THAT, THE  
10  BOTTOM LINE IS, WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN MAKE THIS FOOTPRINT  
11  WORK, BE CONSISTENT WITH THE NORTH AREA PLAN, BE CONSISTENT  
12  AND COMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT  
13  THAT'S ALREADY WITHIN THIS AREA. AND, FROM THE OUTSET, I WANT  
14  TO SAY THAT THIS CONCEPT, TRYING TO FIND SOMETHING THE  
15  DEVELOPER COULD PROCEED WITH, HAS BEEN A KEY CONCEPT AS I'VE  
16  ADVISED MY TEAM, MY PEOPLE THAT I'VE WORKED WITH. WE DON'T  
17  WANT TO STOP DEVELOPMENT. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE'S A  
18  REASONABLE DEVELOPMENT THAT CAN BE DONE BUT THE CRUX TO THE  
19  ISSUE IS: CAN SOMETHING BE BUILT AND MEET THE NORTH AREA PLAN  
20  AND MEET THE COMMUNITY'S OBJECTIVES? THE PROJECT IN FRONT OF  
21  THE BOARD TODAY IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH EITHER THE PLAN OR WITH  
22  THE COMMUNITY AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WHY? THE BASIC TENET OF  
23  THE NORTH AREA PLAN, THIS IS SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NORTH AREA  
24  PLAN, IS: LET THE LAND DICTATE THE FORM OF DEVELOPMENT.  
25  TRIANGLE RANCH PROJECT DOES NOT ADAPT TO THE LAND. IT DICTATES



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1 THE LANDSCAPE. IT IMPOSES A TRADITIONAL SUBDIVISION SCHEME ON  
2 A RELUCTANT LANDSCAPE. AND, BY THE TERM RELUCTANT, WHAT I  
3 MEAN, YOU HAVE TO WORK HARD TO CONVERT IT TO BE ABLE TO  
4 SUPPORT THE MORE INTENSIVE SUBDIVISION-TYPE USES. WHAT ARE THE  
5 SPECIFIC COMPONENTS? THERE'S MASS GRADING. THERE'S SLOPES THAT  
6 ARE OVER 30 FEET TALL AND THERE'S MAJOR RETAINING WALLS THAT  
7 HAVE TO BE INSTALLED TO BE ABLE BUILD THIS PROJECT. SECOND,  
8 THERE'S VISUAL INTRUSION INTO AN AREA THAT IS, AT THIS STAGE,  
9 TOTALLY OPEN. WE HAVE COVERING OF LOWER SLOPES WITH  
10 DEVELOPMENT WITH, AT LADY FACE MOUNTAIN, WHICH IS ONE OF THE  
11 MAJOR FOCAL POINTS OF THE LOCAL TOPOGRAPHY. THERE'S AN  
12 INTRUSION INTO A MAJOR LOCAL S.E.A. WITH ENVIRONMENTAL  
13 RESOURCES. AND LET ME CORRECT SOMETHING THAT I THINK THAT WAS  
14 STATED BY THE INDIVIDUAL THAT SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE PROJECT.  
15 THE TERM "HABITAT" THAT'S USED IN THE POLICIES IN THE NORTH  
16 AREA PLAN DOES NOT REFER TO QUOTE/UNQUOTE "CRITICAL HABITAT"  
17 AS FORMALLY DEFINED BY THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. IT  
18 REFERS TO HABITAT THAT SUPPORTS THE INDIVIDUAL SPECIES. AND,  
19 IN THIS CASE, WE DEFINITELY DO HAVE HABITAT THAT SUPPORTS THE  
20 SPECIES AND THAT'S WHY YOUR REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
21 FOLLOWED THE POLICY OF PROHIBITING DEVELOPMENT. MOVING  
22 FORWARD, THERE'S AN INTRUSION INTO THE S.E.A., AS I SAID.  
23 THERE'S AN INTENTIONAL DESTRUCTION OF LISTED PLANTS. BY  
24 INTENTIONAL, WHAT I MEAN IS THAT THERE ARE DEVELOPED LOTS THAT  
25 ARE IN THESE AREAS. THERE'S ENCROACHMENT INTO A WILDLIFE



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1 CORRIDOR. AND THEN THERE'S CRITICAL RIPARIAN HABITAT. FINALLY,  
2 THERE'S CUMULATIVE DEGRADATION OF WATER QUALITY, IN AN ALREADY  
3 DEGRADED WATER BODY, WHICH IS MEDEA CREEK, WHICH CONNECTS TO  
4 MALIBU CREEK AND THEN TO THE OCEAN. FOR THESE REASONS, CPO HAS  
5 REJECTED THE TRIANGLE RANCH PLAN BEFORE YOU AND COME UP WITH  
6 THE PLAN THAT WE'VE SHOWN HERE. WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SANTA  
7 MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY, CPO HAS, ON ITS OWN, PREPARED AN  
8 ALTERNATIVE DESIGN THAT WE CAN SUPPORT. RIGHT NOW, WE BELIEVE  
9 IT CAN SUPPORT 50 UNITS. IF THE DEVELOPER COMES BACK AND STAYS  
10 IN THE FOOTPRINTS AND CAN DEVELOP MORE, WE CAN SUPPORT THAT.  
11 THIS IS OUR CONCESSION OR OUR COMPROMISED POSITION. EVEN WITH  
12 THIS PLAN, CPO IS COMPROMISING AND TREADING VERY CLOSE TO  
13 MAINTAINING THE NORTH AREA PLAN POLICIES. HOWEVER, THE PLAN  
14 THAT WE'VE PRESENTED TO YOU OVER HERE REPRESENTS-- IT  
15 MINIMIZES GRADING WITHIN THE MOST VISUALLY SENSITIVE EXPOSED  
16 PORTION OF THE PROJECT AND THAT'S ALONG CORNELL AVENUE OVER ON  
17 THE FAR EASTERN PORTION OF THE MAP THAT'S BEEN SHOWN TO YOU.  
18 IT REDUCES THE ENCROACHMENT ON THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR. IT  
19 PROVIDES ROOM TO BE ABLE TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE MITIGATION IN  
20 TERMS OF WATER QUALITY SITES. IT MINIMIZES THE INTRUSION INTO  
21 THE S.E.A. AND IT MINIMIZES THE LOSS OF LISTED PLANTS. GIVEN  
22 ALL THESE COMPONENTS, WHERE DO WE COMPROMISE? WE ACCEPT, IN  
23 ONE PORTION OF THIS PROJECT, A TRADITIONAL SUBDIVISION AT THE  
24 BASE OF LADY FACE MOUNTAIN. WE AGREE THAT IT'S THE MOST  
25 DISTURBED AT THIS POINT IN TIME. IT'S THE REASONABLE PLACE TO



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1 LOCATE THE MAJORITY OF THE UNITS. WE ACCEPT THE GRADING OF  
2 THIS AREA, THE MASS GRADING THAT HAS TO OCCUR AND THE VISUAL  
3 EFFECTS THAT WILL OCCUR. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT STRIKES A  
4 CORRECT BALANCE BETWEEN THE RIGHTS OF THE DEVELOPER BEING  
5 CONSISTENT WITH THE NORTH AREA PLAN, AND THE COMMUNITY AND THE  
6 NEIGHBORHOOD THAT SURROUNDS THIS AREA. I'D LIKE TO BROACH ONE  
7 FINAL ITEM BECAUSE WE TALKED WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S  
8 STAFF ABOUT THIS. WE'RE NOT SURE A CONDITION HAS BEEN ADDED  
9 BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT, IF THE DEVELOPER IS  
10 AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED, THAT THERE'S A BONDING CONDITION WHICH  
11 SAYS THAT, IF THEY DISTURB THE LANDSCAPE, THEY HAVE TO BOND  
12 FOR IT SO THAT, IF THEY REFUSE OR CANNOT IN THE FUTURE REPAIR  
13 IT, THAT THE COUNTY CAN PULL THE BOND AND GO BACK AND RESTORE  
14 THAT HABITAT THAT WOULD BE DISTURBED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'D LIKE TO-- IF YOU CAN HOLD  
17 THEIR TIME FOR A SECOND. I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND ONE POINT.  
18 THE ONE AREA AMONG OTHERS THAT I WANT TO FOCUS ON IS THE  
19 CANAAN ROAD ON THE-- WHAT WOULD THAT BE, THE WEST SIDE?

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21 **TOM DODSON:** THAT WOULD BE THE WEST SIDE.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WEST SIDE OF CANAAN ROAD?

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25 **TOM DODSON:** YES, SIR.





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO. DOWN BELOW, WHERE YOU'VE AWAY-  
3 - THERE WERE A DOZEN HOMES OR SO ALONG THE ROAD, YOU'VE TAKEN  
4 THEM ALL OUT?

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6 **TOM DODSON:** YES, SIR, WE HAVE. IN OUR DESIGN.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IN YOUR DESIGN. BUT LET ME JUST  
9 SAY, I THINK YOUR DESIGN AND YOUR EFFORT IS CONSTRUCTIVE AND  
10 IT'S SOMETHING WE'RE GOING TO TAKE SERIOUSLY. SO LET ME JUST  
11 SAY THAT FROM THE OUTSET. BUT I WANT TO UNDERSTAND, ON THIS  
12 PIECE OF IT, WHAT WAS THE REASON YOU TOOK ALL 12 OUT? WAS  
13 THERE A RESOURCE ISSUE? WAS IT A VISUAL ISSUE? WHAT WAS IT?

14

15 **TOM DODSON:** THERE'S ALL TREE. REQUIRES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF  
16 MASS GRADING. IT HAS, WE BELIEVE, SEVERE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS,  
17 WHICH ARE A SEPARATE ISSUE THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED IN OUR  
18 COMMENTS. THIRD, IT IS HIGHLY VISUAL, AS YOU'VE INDICATED.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BECAUSE OF WHAT?

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22 **TOM DODSON:** BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO  
23 CANAAN ROAD.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS IT BECAUSE OF THE RETAINING  
2   WALL PRIMARILY?

3

4   **TOM DODSON:** IT'S THAT BUT IT'S ALSO BECAUSE THE HOMES NOW WILL  
5   INTRUDE DIRECTLY INTO THE VISUAL-- AS YOU'RE DRIVING DOWN  
6   CANAAN, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE HEADING TO THE SOUTH, TO MALIBU,  
7   WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SEE ON YOUR RIGHT HAND SIDE IS A WHOLE  
8   NEW SET OF HOMES AND STRUCTURES.

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, YOU'LL SEE IT ON THE  
11   SUBDIVISION PART, TOO?

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13   **TOM DODSON:** ACTUALLY, IF YOU LOOK IN HERE, YOU CAN SET THAT  
14   BACK AND YOU CAN HIDE IT PRETTY WELL OVER THE YEARS WITH  
15   LANDSCAPING. AND, AS I INDICATED, THAT WAS OUR COMPROMISE WAS  
16   TO SACRIFICE THIS AREA, ELIMINATE THE AREA TO THE SOUTH,  
17   MINIMIZE THE INTRUSION ON THE OTHER TWO AREAS TO ACHIEVE WHAT  
18   WE THINK IS AGAIN A CONSISTENT PLAN WITH THE NORTH AREA PLAN,  
19   THE CONSISTENT PROJECT WITH THE NORTH AREA PLAN.

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21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND BUT YOU'RE  
22   SACRIFICING WITH SOMEBODY ELSE'S PERCEIVED VALUE.

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24   **TOM DODSON:** ABSOLUTELY.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT'S VERY EASY BUT I'M JUST  
2   TRYING TO UNDERSTAND. THERE ARE THREE AREAS WHERE YOU HAVE  
3   MADE A REDUCTION IN SCOPE. ONE IS ON CANAAN, ONE IS I BELIEVE  
4   BY MEDEA CREEK AND ONE IS NEAR THE FIRE STATION.

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6   **TOM DODSON:** ACTUALLY, THE NUMBER OF UNITS THAT WOULD BE  
7   AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT AT CANAAN WOULD REMAIN APPROXIMATELY  
8   THE SAME ON THE WEST SIDE. WE'RE SACRIFICING THAT AREA.

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE PACKING THEM INTO THIS...

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12   **TOM DODSON:** YES, SIR, WE ARE.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. ALL RIGHT. THANKS.

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16   **TOM DODSON:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME AND THANKS AGAIN...

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18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I APPRECIATE, MR. DODSON, I  
19   APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORT ON THIS. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL GO BACK TO  
20   THE CARDS HERE. PAUL CULBERG? PAUL, HANG ON A SECOND. LEAH  
21   CULBERG AND NICK NOXON, COME ON DOWN. PAUL?

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23   **PAUL CULBERG:** ALL RIGHT, PAUL CULBERG. I AM VICE-PRESIDENT OF  
24   THE TRIUMPHAL LOBO ASSOCIATION. I AM SPEAKING FOR CHRIS WILIG,  
25   WHO IS A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HORTICULTURE AND THE PRESIDENT



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1 OF OUR ASSOCIATION. AND I'LL READ HIS WORDS AND BEAR WITH ME.  
2 THIS IS PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME I'M NOT READING MY OWN WORDS  
3 HERE. "TRIANGLE RANCH IS AN EVOLUTIONARY FOCAL POINT. IT'S  
4 ALREADY RECOGNIZED BY L.A. COUNTY AS AN AREA OF EXTRAORDINARY  
5 BIOLOGICAL INTEREST, SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA NUMBER 6 SEA  
6 HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. THIS PROJECT THREATENS HABITAT FOR 25  
7 PLANTS OF INTEREST, INCLUDING SEVERAL FEDERALLY LISTED  
8 SPECIES. INCLUDED IN THE SEA IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY ARE  
9 LYON'S PENTACHAETA, PENTACHAETA LYONII THE SANTA MONICA  
10 MOUNTAINS DUDLEYA, AGOURA FORM, DUDLEYA CYMOSA, OVATIFOLIA--  
11 BOY, IT'S A HARD TIME LEARNING THAT ONE, STAND OUT AS  
12 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FROM A CONSERVATION AND EVOLUTIONARY  
13 STANDPOINT. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN ECHO TONE BETWEEN MORE  
14 INTERIOR CLIMATES THAN THOSE OF MARINE INFLUENCES. RELECTUAL  
15 POPULATIONS, THAT RELATES TO RELICS, I HAD TO LEARN THAT  
16 MYSELF, OF MANY INTERIOR PLANTS IN THE SEA PROVED TO BE  
17 CRITICAL NATURE OF THE TRIANGLE RANCH HABIT FOR THESE SPECIES.  
18 CONTRARY TO MR. WESTON'S INTERPRETATION, THE LYON'S  
19 PENTACHAETA IS THE SIGNATURE PLANT FOR THE SANTA MONICA  
20 MOUNTAINS EPHEMERAL GRASS LANDS. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS  
21 PROBABLY THE CENTER OF THE RADIATION FOR LYON'S PENTACHAETA,  
22 INCLUDING SOME OF THE LARGEST POPULATIONS EXTENT. IT MAY HAVE  
23 EVOLVED IN THE GRASSY OPENINGS AMONGST CHAPARRAL, ALONG WHAT  
24 IS NOW CORNELL ROAD. DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY MUST PROVIDE  
25 A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR PRESERVING THE HABITAT FOR THIS



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1 DIFFICULT TO GROW ANNUAL. THE STEEP, NORTH-FACING VOLCANIC  
2 OUTCROPS, SANTA MONICA'S DUDLEYA, DUDLEA CYMOSA OVATIFOLIA  
3 THRIVES. THIS SUBSPECIES IS PART OF AN EXTREMELY INTERESTING  
4 COMPLEX OF NATIVE SUCCULENTS THAT PROBABLY HAS BEEN RAPIDLY  
5 EVOLVING IN THIS FIRE-PRONE AREA. SINCE THIS AND OTHER RELATED  
6 SUBSPECIES AND SPECIES ARE GROWING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY, IT IS  
7 LIKELY THE CENTER OF EVOLUTIONARY RADIATION FOR THE GENUS. AN  
8 ATTEMPTED EXTIRPATION BY THE APPLICANT OR ITS AGENTS HAS  
9 REDUCED BOTH THE PENTACHAETA AND THE DUDLEYA POPULATIONS  
10 ALREADY WITHIN THE TRIANGLE RANCH?SITE, BY PLACING A HORSE  
11 CORRAL IN SENSITIVE AREA FOR THE PENTACHAETA AND PRYING RARE  
12 DUDLEYAS FROM THEIR ROCK NICHES, THE DEVELOPER ATTEMPTED TO  
13 RID THEMSELVES OF A PESKY RESPONSIBILITY TO THE NATURAL WORLD.  
14 BECAUSE OF THE DEVELOPER'S ACTION, THE SPECIES' RARITY AND  
15 NEAR IMPOSSIBILITY TO CULTIVATE IN THEIR NATIVE ENVIRONMENT  
16 PRESERVATION DEMANDS A HIGHER LEVEL OF DEVELOPER ACTIONS TO  
17 PROTECT THESE PLANTS." THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, PAUL. ROBERT BARON.  
20 YES, WE'LL GET IT. MR. BARON.

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22 **ROBERT BARON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROBERT BARON. I'D  
23 LIKE TO READ THIS TO YOU. THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS ARE A  
24 PREVIOUS RESOURCE, NOT ONLY TO THOSE OF US WHO LIVE WITHIN THE  
25 MOUNTAINS BUT TO RESIDENTS OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY. LOCAL



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1 RESIDENTS HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO SEE THAT THIS UNIQUE  
2 HABITAT IS PROTECTED. WE FOUGHT FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE NORTH  
3 AREA PLAN. THE VISION OF THE NORTH AREA PLAN LET THE LAND  
4 DICTATE THE TYPE AND INTENSITY OF ITS USE FINALLY BECAME A  
5 REALITY WITH THE PASSING OF THE GRADING AND RIDGELINE  
6 ORDINANCE. THE CORNELL PRESERVATION ORGANIZATION FOUGHT  
7 TIRELESSLY TO SEE THIS ORDINANCE PASS. WE COLLECTED HUNDREDS  
8 OF SIGNATURES, ORGANIZED MULTIPLE TRIPS TO TESTIFY BEFORE  
9 COUNTY OFFICIALS AND ORGANIZED LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGNS. WE  
10 DID NOT GIVE UP WHEN FACED BY DEEP POCKET DEVELOPMENT  
11 OPPOSITION. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PASSING OF THIS ORDINANCE  
12 WOULD PUT AN END TO THE SORT OF LARGE SCALE GRADING PROJECTS  
13 THAT HAVE SCARRED THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS IN THE PAST. THE  
14 APPLICANT IS ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO CUT AND FILL CLOSE TO 1  
15 MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF EARTH FOR JUST 66 HOMES. THIS BREAKS  
16 DOWN TO OVER 12,000 CUBIC YARDS OF CUT AND FILL PER PROPOSED  
17 RESIDENTS. THIS IS OVER 2-1/2 TIMES THE GRADING AND RIDGELINE  
18 ORDINANCE LIMIT. THE AMOUNT OF GRADING PROPOSED FOR THIS PLAN  
19 IN NO WAY LETS THE LAND DICTATE THE TYPE OF INTENSITY OF ITS  
20 USE. INSTEAD, IF APPROVED, THIS DEVELOPER WILL TAKE US BACK TO  
21 THE MASSIVE GRADING AND SCARRING OF OUR BELOVED SANTA MONICA  
22 MOUNTAINS. THANK YOU.  
23



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. LEAH CULBERG. AND  
2   BEFORE YOU GO, LET ME CALL MICHAEL HART AND MURRAY SUMMER.  
3   MISS CULBERG?

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5   **LEAH CULBERG:** OKAY. HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. TRIANGLE RANCH IS  
6   CRITICAL HABITAT FOR SEVERAL DIFFERENT MOUNTAIN ARTERIES.  
7   MEDEA CREEK TRAVERSES THE TRIANGLE FROM ITS NORTHERN TIP SOUTH  
8   THROUGH ITS BASE. WILDLIFE TRAILS CRISSCROSS THE TRIANGLE  
9   FARING ANIMALS FROM CHESEBORO AND THE ABRAMS PROPERTIES OVER  
10   TO LADY FACE AND DOWN TO THE CREEK FOR WATER. HUMANS FOLLOW  
11   THE TRAILS ON HORSEBACK, BICYCLE AND FOOT, ENJOYING THE BIRD  
12   LIFE, BUTTERFLIES AND WILDFLOWERS THAT ABOUND ON TRIANGLE  
13   RANCH. MEDEA CREEK IS A RICH RIPARIAN WHOSE STREAM RUNS YEAR  
14   ROUND, PROVIDING SUSTENANCE TO MANY SPECIES. WE HAVE  
15   PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED A STUDY TO ASCERTAIN THE EXISTENCE OF THE  
16   SOUTHWESTERN POND TURTLE, BUT NEITHER FISH AND GAME NOR THE  
17   DEVELOPER HAS EVER TRIGGERED THIS STUDY. THERE IS ALSO THE  
18   POTENTIAL FOR THE RED LEGGED FROG. BUT SADLY, TOO, THIS  
19   SPECIES HAS NEVER BEEN ADEQUATELY STUDIED. WILLOWS LINE THE  
20   CREEK AND PROVIDE HABITAT FOR SEVERAL SPECIES OF BIRDS,  
21   INCLUDING LEASE BELLS VIREO AND SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLY  
22   CATCHER, BOTH FEDERALLY ENDANGERED. THE DEVELOPMENT, AS IT IS  
23   PRESENTLY CONCEIVED, WILL DESTROY THIS DIVERSE RIPARIAN  
24   HABITAT THROUGH FUEL MODIFICATION PRACTICES WHICH REQUIRE  
25   BRUSH CLEARANCE TO EXTEND 200 FEET FROM ANY HOME. THE SIZE OF





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1 THE DEVELOPMENT ALONG MEDEA CREEK MUST BE MAINTAINED SO AS TO  
2 PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF THE NATURAL CREEK SIDE COMMUNITY.  
3 LARGE MAMMALS, INCLUDING MOUNTAIN LION, BOBCAT, COYOTE AND  
4 BADGER FOLLOW THE TRAILS TO THE CREEK TO GET WATER AFTER  
5 CROSSING THE FREEWAY TO EXTEND THEIR TERRITORIES INTO NEARBY  
6 PARAMOUNT RANCH, MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK OR ACROSS LADY FACE.  
7 TRIANGLE RANCH PROVIDES CRITICAL LINKAGE IN THE WILDLIFE  
8 CORRIDOR, SUPPORTING ESSENTIAL GENETIC DIVERSITY WITHIN THE  
9 GENE POOLS. SOME WILDLIFE CORRIDORS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN  
10 THE EIR BUT NOT ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN PRESERVED NOR THEIR  
11 INTEGRITY RESPECTED IN THE LATEST ITERATION OF THE  
12 SUBDIVISION. WILDLIFE CORRIDORS CANNOT BE VIABLE IF THEIR  
13 BORDERS ARE ENCROACHED UPON. ANIMALS NEED SEPARATION FROM  
14 HUMAN ACTIVITY TO CONTINUE TO LIVE AND REPRODUCE. IF ANY  
15 DEVELOPMENT IS APPROVED, INTERFERENCE WITH WILDLIFE CORRIDORS  
16 MUST NOT BE PERMITTED. A SECTION OF THE ZOOMER RIDGE, AKA,  
17 SEEMY TO THE SEED TRAIL, RUNS THROUGH TRIANGLE RANCH. THIS IS  
18 THE LONGEST NORTH/SOUTH TRAIL IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS,  
19 EXTENDING ABOUT 14 MILES. THE PROJECTED ALIGNMENT ALONG MEDEA  
20 CREEK IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF HUMAN INTERFERENCE  
21 SOUTH OF TRIANGLE RANCH. CORNELL PRESERVATION ORGANIZATION HAS  
22 PROPOSED A NEW ALIGNMENT OF THE TRAIL, LINKING THE FUTURE  
23 AGOURA HILLS EQUESTRIAN CENTER WITH PARAMOUNT RANCH. THIS  
24 ALIGNMENT IS SUPERIOR TO ALL PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED TRAILS  
25 BECAUSE IT WOULD AVOID GOING THROUGH LYON'S PENTACHAETA OR



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1 ALONG MEDEA CREEK AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO MAKE THIS CONNECTION  
2 WITHOUT CLIMBING THE STEEP HILL TO THE EAST. CPO REQUESTS THAT  
3 ANY APPROVAL OF A DEVELOPMENT ON THIS PROPERTY BE CONTINGENT  
4 UPON DEDICATION OF THIS TRAIL ALIGNMENT. THE CONVERGENCE OF  
5 THESE MANY ARTERIES AT TRIANGLE RANCH MAKES PRESERVATION OF  
6 THIS BIOLOGICALLY CRITICAL SITE ESSENTIAL FOR PRESERVING NOT  
7 JUST THE SINGLE ECOTONE BUT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE ENTIRE  
8 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS' NATIONAL RECREATION AREA. THEREFORE, I  
9 SUPPORT CPO'S ALTERNATIVE, THE ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE CHOICE.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. NOXON. BEFORE YOU  
12 START, PENNY SUESS? ALL RIGHT? STOP THE CLOCK. OKAY. WELL,  
13 ACTUALLY JUST, MR. NOXON, GO AHEAD.

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15 **NICK NOXON:** OKAY, MY NAME IS NICHOLAS NOXON. I'M GOING TO TRY  
16 TO ABBREVIATE MY COMMENTS SO THAT I DON'T TAKE TOO MUCH TIME  
17 FROM PEOPLE FOLLOWING ME SO I MAY NOT MAKE AS MUCH SENSE AS I  
18 ORIGINALLY DID ON PAPER BUT I'M SURE YOU CAN FOLLOW ME. I'D  
19 LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE VISUAL AND SCENIC QUALITIES OF THE  
20 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. THE CONCLUSION-- THE ORIGINAL  
21 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WAS THAT THE SCENIC QUALITIES OF  
22 THE AREA WOULD BE SERIOUSLY IMPACTED AND MITIGATION WAS NOT  
23 POSSIBLE. THIS IS STILL VERY TRUE. TO CITE THE NORTH AREA  
24 PLAN, THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE FOR MANAGING THE NATURAL  
25 ENVIRONMENT IS THAT RESOURCE PROTECTION HAS PRIORITY OVER



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1 DEVELOPMENT. THE PLAN GOES ON TO IDENTIFY NATURAL HILLSIDES AS  
2 A SIGNIFICANT BIOLOGICAL AND VISUAL RESOURCE AND TO  
3 SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY LADY FACE MOUNTAIN AS "ONE OF THE MOST  
4 PROMINENT LAND FORMS IN THE AREA." IN THE MODEST LEXICON OF  
5 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, LADY FACE IS HALF, THE FIRST TO  
6 CATCH YOUR EYE AND THE SIGNATURE MOUNTAIN IN THE AREA. SO  
7 RESOURCE PROTECTION HAS PRIORITY OVER DEVELOPMENT, IT'S VERY  
8 CLEAR. THAT'S THE PLAN. BUT HERE'S THE PROPOSAL. RIGHT HERE ON  
9 THE SLOPES OF LADY FACE, WE WILL HAVE NINE-TENTHS OF THE  
10 PROPOSED TRIANGLE TRACT, 50 HOMES AND VERY SMALL LOTS, MANY  
11 LITTLE BIGGER THAN A TENNIS COURT. NINE ARE ON LOTS THAT ARE  
12 LESS THAN 1/4 OF AN ACRE, THE MAJORITY ARE ON LESS THAN HALF  
13 AN ACRE. AND I HAVE TO PARENTHETICALLY SAY I'M TALKING ABOUT  
14 THE 66-HOME PROPOSAL WHICH IS BEFORE YOU TODAY, NOT ABOUT SOME  
15 BETTER PLANS WHICH I HARDLY RECOMMEND.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALTHOUGH THOSE LOTS ARE EVERY BIT  
18 AS SMALL.

19

20 **NICK NOXON:** THAT'S PRETTY DENSE. PERSONALLY, I DON'T LIKE IT.  
21 SO WHAT HAVE WE GOT AT THIS POINT? THE LACK OF A MASTER  
22 LANDSCAPE PLAN GOES TO THE HEART OF THE VISUAL DEFICIENCIES OF  
23 THIS PROJECT. THE COUNTY PLANNING STAFF CALLED THIS A MAJOR  
24 FLAW IN THE ORIGINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT BUT THE  
25 LANDSCAPE PLAN IT CALLED FOR HAS NEVER APPEARED AND THE LATEST



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1 WORD FROM THE DEVELOPER IS THAT WE WILL NOT CREATE THIS UNTIL  
2 AFTER THE PROJECT HAS BEEN APPROVED, AS IF IT WAS A MINOR  
3 DETAIL. DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR THIS. IT IS ALL SPELLED OUT IN  
4 THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S STAFF REPORTS AND THE MINUTES OF THE  
5 COMMISSION MEETINGS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR YEARS AND  
6 YEARS. WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT A LARGE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
7 ACCEPTABLE ON THE NORTH AREA PRESENTS A CHALLENGE TO CURRENT  
8 STYLES OF DEVELOPMENT. THE RURAL CHARACTER OF THE AREA HAS  
9 EVOLVED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME AND CAN ONLY BE PRESERVED BY A  
10 DELIBERATE EFFORT TO AVOID MANY CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES  
11 AND DISCOVER NEW AND BETTER ONES. IT HAS OFTEN BEEN SAID THAT  
12 THE DEVELOPER HAS THE RIGHT TO BUILD SOMETHING ON THIS  
13 PROPERTY BUT IT IS EQUALLY CLEAR THAT A CONVENTIONAL HIGH  
14 DENSITY SUBURBAN TRACT DOES NOT SATISFY THE NORTH AREA  
15 REQUIREMENTS AND, TO DATE, WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANYTHING ELSE.  
16 UNTIL SUCH A PLAN IS PRESENTED WITH DETAILED LANDSCAPE AND  
17 GRADING PLANS, WE URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO DENY THIS APPEAL. IN  
18 TERMS OF DENSITY IN THE AREAS WEST OF CANAAN, I CONTINUE TO  
19 ENDORSE THE ORIGINAL ALTERNATIVE 4, WHICH IS THE CHOICE OF  
20 PLANNING STAFF IN THE BEGINNING AND YOU HEARD AGAIN TODAY  
21 REMAIN SO. THANK YOU.

22  
23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MICHAEL HART.



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1   **MICHAEL HART:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MICHAEL  
2   HART AND I LIVE AT MALIBU LAKE AND I REGULARLY PARTICIPATE IN  
3   NORTH SANTA MONICA BAY WATERSHED ACTIVITIES AND MALIBU CREEK  
4   STAKEHOLDER ACTIVITIES. I'M NOT HERE TO TRY AND STOP THE  
5   PROPOSERS FROM DEVELOPING THEIR LAND. I'M ONLY HERE TO HELP  
6   FIND A WIN/WIN SITUATION FOR ALL OF US. THE PROCESS TO GET  
7   HERE, TO THIS STAGE HAS BEEN 10 YEARS ALREADY. YOU'VE HEARD  
8   AND YOU WILL HEAR OR HAVE READ TESTIMONY THAT THE PROPOSERS'  
9   PLAN, WHICH WAS REJECTED BY YOUR PLANNING COMMISSION, IS  
10   LACKING IN MANY AREAS AND THAT THE PLAN SUGGESTED BY YOUR OWN  
11   PLANNING COMMISSION WAS REJECTED BY THEM. TODAY, YOU WILL HEAR  
12   OF A BETTER PLAN, THIS PLAN ON EITHER SIDE OF ME THAT I HOPE  
13   YOU WILL ADOPT. AS A DOWNSTREAM STAKEHOLDER OF MALIBU LAKE,  
14   WE'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THE  
15   PROJECTS UPSTREAM OF US. WE CAN SUPPORT AND DOCUMENT A LONG  
16   HISTORY OF DAMAGING EFFECTS TO US CAUSED BY UNREGULATED OR  
17   POORLY REGULATED UPSTREAM DEVELOPMENT. WHATEVER YOU DECIDE,  
18   PLEASE MAKE YOUR FINAL DECISION CONTINGENT UPON THE PROPOSER  
19   MITIGATING SO AS TO ADHERE TO THE VARIOUS TMDLS FOR THE MALIBU  
20   CREEK WATERSHED. MEDEA CREEK ALREADY EXCEEDS TMDL LEVELS AND  
21   CANNOT STAND MORE STRESSORS ON IT. MITIGATION IS POSSIBLE AND  
22   IT MUST BE A REQUIREMENT OF YOUR APPROVAL. ON MARCH 10TH,  
23   MALIBU LAKE HAD ITS 85TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY, A HISTORICAL EVENT.  
24   MR. YAROSLAVSKY, YOU WERE INVITED AND ATTENDED. WE APPRECIATE  
25   YOUR ATTENDANCE AND, AS A GIFT TO THE REMAINDER OF YOU WHO



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1 WEREN'T IN ATTENDANCE, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH A DVD  
2 OF THE EXPERIENCE AND OUR YEARBOOK, WHICH I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU  
3 AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S A GOOD DVD. I HIGHLY  
6 RECOMMEND IT. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. MURRAY SUMNER?

7

8 **MURRAY SUMNER:** MY NAME IS MURRAY SUMNER. I LIVE IN MALIBU LAKE  
9 AS WELL. AND, IN THE INTEREST OF BREVITY AND TIME HERE, I'M  
10 SUBMITTING A LETTER THAT WAS WRITTEN BY MR. MATT HORNS, WHO  
11 HAS ABOUT 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN GEOLOGY WATER MANAGEMENT AND  
12 HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE MALIBU CREEK WATERSHED. I'D LIKE  
13 TO SUBMIT THAT TO RECORD AND BASICALLY, IT JUST COMMENTS ON  
14 EIR AND GEOLOGICAL AND SEDIMENT CONDITIONS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS A LOT. IT WILL BE MADE PART  
17 OF THE RECORD. PENNY, YOU'RE NEXT. ELIZABETH FRENCH? OKAY,  
18 YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE IT. PENNY, GO AHEAD.

19

20 **PENNY SUESS:** MY NAME IS PENNY SUESS. I LIVE AT SEMINOLE  
21 SPRINGS. I'M GOING TO ABBREVIATE MY COMMENTS BUT I HAVE A COPY  
22 OF THEM FOR THE RECORD, WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT. I JUST  
23 WANT TO BRING UP SOMETHING THAT NO ONE HAS REALLY MENTIONED AT  
24 THIS POINT AND THAT IS THE IDEA OF GREEN OR SUSTAINABLE  
25 DEVELOPMENT. GREEN DEVELOPMENT IS FAST BECOMING MAINSTREAM IN



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1 THE PLANNING WORLD, GIVEN DWINDLING NATURAL RESOURCES AND  
2 INCREASED ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE. THE CITY AND  
3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER AND  
4 THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS ARE JUST A FEW  
5 OF MANY LOCAL AGENCIES AND CITIES WHO HAVE ADOPTED THE  
6 PRINCIPLES OF THE U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL AND ITS  
7 LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN, LEED RATING  
8 SYSTEM BUT WHAT RELEVANCE DOES THIS HAVE FOR TRIANGLE RANCH?  
9 ABOVE ALL, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MEANS REDUCING THE IMPACT  
10 OF HUMAN USES ON THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. IT MEANS SITING  
11 BUILDINGS TO BLEND IN WITH NATURAL TERRAIN AND NOT OBLITERATE  
12 IT. IT MEANS BUILDING ONLY ON ALREADY DISTURBED LAND. IT MEANS  
13 RESTORING DEGRADED AREAS AND PRESERVING AS MUCH PRISTINE LAND  
14 AS POSSIBLE. NOW, THIS SOUNDS A LOT LIKE THE SANTA MONICA  
15 MOUNTAINS' NORTH AREA PLAN, DOESN'T IT? IN FACT, MUCH THAT  
16 COMES UNDER THE HEADING OF GREEN BUILDING IS NOT NEW BUT IS,  
17 ACCORDING TO DEVELOPER JOHN KNOT OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH  
18 CAROLINA, SIMPLY RETURN TO QUOTE "A CLIMATICALLY,  
19 GEOGRAPHICALLY AND CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE WAY OF ARCHITECTURE  
20 AND BUILDING IN COMBINATION WITH NEW TECHNOLOGIES." END QUOTE.  
21 IS THIS GOING TO HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE BOTTOM LINE FOR  
22 THE DEVELOPER? NOT ACCORDING TO THOSE WHO HAVE TRIED IT. IN  
23 FACT, STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT POTENTIAL BUYERS ARE WILLING TO  
24 PAY A PREMIUM FOR SENSITIVELY DEVELOPED HOMES AND COMMUNITIES  
25 THAT OFFER A MEANINGFUL QUALITY OF LIFE. ON THE OTHER HAND, A





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1 LONG DRAWN OUT APPROVAL PROCESS WILL CERTAINLY BE COSTLY FOR  
2 THE DEVELOPER AND FOR EVERYONE. I URGE THE BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT ITS OWN NORTH AREA PLAN, DENY TRIANGLE  
4 RANCH PROJECT AS PROPOSED BY THE DEVELOPER AND SEND A CLEAR  
5 MESSAGE THAT, IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, IT REALLY ISN'T  
6 SO DIFFICULT BEING GREEN AND IT COULD BE BOTH POPULAR AND  
7 PROFITABLE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SHERI SOLADAR? OKAY.  
10 ROBERT HOLMS? THAT'LL BE THE LAST ONE IN THIS GROUP.

11

12 **ROBERT HOLMS:** YES. HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, FIRST, I'M  
13 SUBMITTING SEVERAL DOCUMENTS FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS A PRO  
14 FORMA FOR THE CPO 50 LOT ALTERNATIVE WHICH SHOWS THAT THE  
15 POTENTIAL PROFIT IS CLOSE TO \$50 MILLION OR 130 PERCENT RETURN  
16 ON THE INVESTMENT OF THE APPLICANT. BOTH THE CPO 50 LOT DESIGN  
17 AND THE D-E.E.R. ALTERNATIVE 4 PROVIDE A ROBUST PROFIT FOR THE  
18 PROPERTY OWNERS. I ALSO HAVE DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY LOCAL  
19 REALTORS SUPPORTING A BALANCE BETWEEN THIS ENVIRONMENTALLY  
20 SENSITIVE, BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY AND A PROFIT FOR THE PROPERTY  
21 OWNERS. AND, IN CLOSING FOR THE CPO, WE OPPOSE THE PROJECT  
22 BEFORE YOU TODAY. WE DO NOT OPPOSE THE DEVELOPMENT. WE BELIEVE  
23 DEVELOPMENT IS FEASIBLE ON THE TRIANGLE RANCH PROPERTY AND THE  
24 COMMUNITY IS WILLING TO ACCEPT THE PROJECT WE'VE PROPOSED  
25 TODAY. WE BELIEVE YOU NEED TO REJECT THE 66 HOME PROJECT



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1 BEFORE YOU TODAY AND REQUIRE THE DEVELOPER COME BACK WITH A  
2 DESIGN THAT CONFORMS TO THE COMMUNITY'S SUGGESTED PROJECT  
3 DESIGN, WHICH IS FULLY SUPPORTED BY THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS  
4 CONSERVANCY. IF THE DEVELOPER IS UNWILLING TO UPHOLD THE  
5 PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO SUPPORT THE NORTH AREA PLAN  
6 BY REDESIGN, PLEASE REJECT THE PROJECT AND DENY THE APPEAL  
7 BEFORE YOU TODAY. WE WANT YOU TO SUPPORT THE NORTH AREA PLAN.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NEXT, JOE  
10 EDMISTON? MELANIE BECK? FRANK ANGEL AND STEVE HESS. TWO  
11 MINUTES EACH. I'M SORRY? ALL RIGHT. WE'LL ACCEPT IT FOR THE  
12 RECORD. DID YOU WANT TO BE HEARD? YOU WEREN'T PART OF THAT  
13 OTHER GROUP, WERE YOU? YOU'RE CPO? OKAY. DO YOU WANT TO SUBMIT  
14 THAT FOR THE RECORD?

15

16 **CHET YABITSU:** YES, I WANT TO SUBMIT THIS FOR THE RECORD. AND  
17 FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF A REALTOR AND THE DISASTER RESPONSE  
18 TEAM. WE HAVE A SERIOUS EVACUATION PROBLEM.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. AND IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR  
21 THE RECORD.

22

23 **CHET YABITSU:** MY NAME IS CHET YABITSU. I'M FROM THE AGOURA  
24 AREA.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MR. YABITSU. ALL  
2   RIGHT. JOE EDMISTON?

3

4   **JOE EDMISTON:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, JOE EDMISTON,  
5   EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY.  
6   MR. CHAIRMAN, I KNOW THAT YOU PERSONALLY DRIVE THE SANTA  
7   MONICA MOUNTAINS VERY FREQUENTLY. I DON'T WANT YOU TO SEE A  
8   300-FOOT RETAINING WALL 6 FEET TALL AS YOU ENTER INTO THE  
9   SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS' NATIONAL RECREATION AREA. AND THE  
10   WHOLE POINT OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY'S  
11   CONCERN HERE HAS TO DO WITH THAT VISUAL IMPACT THAT YOU'RE  
12   GOING TO HAVE AND THE IMPACT ON SPECIMEN OAKS. AND,  
13   UNDERSTANDING THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THIS BEFORE I MADE THIS  
14   TESTIMONY, I WENT OUT THERE, DROVE THE PROPERTY, WALKED THE  
15   PROPERTY. YOU'VE GOT VERY SENSITIVE OAK TREES ON EITHER SIDE  
16   AS YOU'RE GOING SOUTH INTO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS ON  
17   CANAAN ROAD FROM THE FREEWAY. AND THE CURRENT DEVELOPER, THESE  
18   DENSE OAK TREES THAT YOU WOULD SEE ON EITHER SIDE OF CANAAN,  
19   THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT TAKES THOSE OAKS OUT. SOUTH OF THE 41  
20   HOME AREA, YOU HAVE THAT 300-FOOT RETAINING WALL. IT IS TRUE  
21   THAT, AS YOU SAID, CRAMMING THEM IN CREATES A DENSER SITUATION  
22   IN THAT AREA BUT THE TRADEOFF IS PROTECTION OF VIEW SHED  
23   VALUES. AND, FROM THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY'S  
24   STANDPOINT, AND I BELIEVE THE COMMUNITY AGREES WITH THAT, THAT  
25   IS THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE THAT YOU OUGHT TO BE LOOKING FOR AS



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1 TO HOW TO ACHIEVE THOSE VIEW SHED VALUES. MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D BE  
2 HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. WE FULLY SUPPORT AND HAVE  
3 ACTUALLY PAID FOR SOME OF THE ENGINEERING WORK ON THIS  
4 ALTERNATIVE PLAN. WE HOPE YOU GIVE IT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.  
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WANT TO ASK YOU THE SAME  
8 QUESTION I ASKED MR. DODSON BEFORE. THE LIST, THE FLAG, I  
9 DON'T WANT TO CALL IT FLAG LOT BUT THAT EXTENSION GOING  
10 SOUTHERLY ON THE WEST SIDE OF CANAAN OF THE HOMES, I THINK  
11 THERE ARE ABOUT A DOZEN HOMES THERE THAT NECESSITATED THE  
12 RETAINING WALL, IS IT YOUR JUDGMENT THAT IT'S MORE THE  
13 RETAINING WALL THAN THE HOMES? IF THE RETAINING WALL COULD BE  
14 ELIMINATED SOMEHOW, EVEN IF IT REQUIRED, ESPECIALLY IF IT  
15 REQUIRED, I SUPPOSE, A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF HOMES THERE,  
16 IT'S THE RETAINING WALL MORE THAN THE HOMES?

17

18 **JOE EDMISTON:** WHAT I'D LIKE TO SEE IS A COMPUTER SIMULATION OF  
19 HOW THOSE HOMES WOULD THEN BE PUT IN. IF THEY'RE PUT FURTHER  
20 BACK INTO THE MOUNTAINS, REQUIRING DOING FURTHER GRADING, THEN  
21 THAT COULD BE A PROBLEM. SO WE'D HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK AT  
22 EXACTLY HOW THAT WOULD BE...

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. I UNDERSTAND BUT  
25 IT'S NOT NECESSARILY THE NOTION OF A HOME OR THREE OR FIVE



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1 HOMES IF IT WERE DONE ON THAT STRETCH OF IT, IF IT WERE DONE  
2 SENSITIVELY IN THE CONTEXT OF WHAT YOU AND MR. DODSON HAD  
3 TESTIFIED TO EARLIER, IS THAT-- AND THAT'S A BIG IF BUT IF  
4 IT'S DONE SENSITIVELY.

5

6 **JOE EDMISTON:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT'S A GIANT IF.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, YEAH. OKAY, THANK YOU. BUT  
9 THE ANSWER IS YES IF YOU COULD DO IT? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE  
10 SAYING?

11

12 **JOE EDMISTON:** AND IF THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT TESTIFIED UNDER  
13 OATH.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND IF I COULD RUN A FOUR-MINUTE  
16 MILE. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY, JOE? [ LAUGHTER  
17 ] OKAY. MISS BECK?

18

19 **MELANIE BECK:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MELANIE BECK, I'M HERE  
20 REPRESENTING NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS'  
21 NATIONAL RECREATION AREA. AND THERE IS SUCH A FINE  
22 PRESENTATION BY THE PREVIOUS APPLICANTS THAT I WON'T SEEK TO  
23 REPEAT WHAT THEY DID CONCERNING THE SIGNS THAT THIS IS NOT AN  
24 APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE MOUNTAINS TO THEIR DESCRIPTION  
25 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES. I'LL JUST ADD A LITTLE BIT OF A



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1 PERSONAL NOTE, NOT PERSONAL NOTE, PERSONAL ON BEHALF OF THE  
2 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TO THAT. AND THAT'S A REMINDER THAT THIS  
3 AREA IS THE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA. IT'S OF NATIONAL  
4 SIGNIFICANCE. THIS PROPERTY IS ACTUALLY ADJACENT TO THE  
5 RECREATION AREA BUT, ON OUR GENERAL FUTURE MANAGEMENT PLAN, WE  
6 WOULD SEEK TO INCLUDE IT. IT HAS ALL THE PARK RESOURCES THAT  
7 WE WOULD LIKE TO-- THAT WE FIND IN A NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.  
8 THE ESTABLISHING LEGISLATION FOR THE PARK SERVICE SAYS,  
9 "PROTECT AND PRESERVE IN PERPETUITY THE WILD LIFE THEREIN".  
10 AND I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WILD LIFE IS SPELLED WITH  
11 TWO WORDS, NOT ONE. SO WE'RE NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT WILDLIFE  
12 BUT WE WANT TO EXPERIENCE THE WILD LIFE. AND SO IT'S NOT A  
13 MATTER OF JUST SEEKING INDIVIDUAL SPECIES MANAGEMENT, LIKE  
14 LOOKING AT WHETHER THIS IS GOING TO PLACE THE LYON'S  
15 PENTACHAETA IN JEOPARDY OR NOT BUT IT'S THE WHOLE EXPERIENCE  
16 OF THAT ECOSYSTEM. SECONDLY, IT'S FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF  
17 EVERYONE. AND THAT REALLY INCLUDES A LOT OF VIEW SHED. SO ONE  
18 OF THE ESSENCE, AN ESSENCE OF A VIEW SHED IS TO BE ABLE TO SEE  
19 FROM CANAAN ROAD, FOR EXAMPLE, UP THE SWEEPING SLOPES TO THE  
20 TOP OF LADY FACE. AND, WHEN YOU PUT A RETAINING WALL IN A  
21 DEVELOPMENT IN BETWEEN THAT, YOU CUT OFF, YOU MAKE PEOPLE FEEL  
22 REMOVED FROM THAT NATIONAL EXPERIENCE RATHER THAN ENTERING A  
23 GATEWAY TO A NATIONAL RECREATION AREA. AND, FINALLY, THIS WAS  
24 A FINE PROPOSAL. I HAD A LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN OUR LETTER  
25 HERE, COMMENTS, BUT THAT PROPOSAL ON THERE BASICALLY



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1 ENCOMPASSES THEM AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT THE D.E.R. BE  
2 RECIRCULATED AND WE COULD OFFICIALLY COMMENT ON THAT PROPOSAL.  
3 THANK YOU. I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T THINK THERE ARE ANY  
6 QUESTIONS. THANK YOU, MELANIE. STEVE HESS?

7

8 **STEVE HESS:** THANK YOU, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS STEVE  
9 HESS, I LIVE ON WAGON ROAD. I'M GOING TO BE BRIEF BECAUSE  
10 YOU'VE ALL HEARD A LOT OF TESTIMONY TODAY. I'D LIKE TO  
11 RESTATE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS APPLICATION SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTS  
12 PROTECTED RESOURCES AND THE SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA NUMBER  
13 6, WHICH THE COUNTY HAS WORKED SO HARD TO DEVELOP AND  
14 MAINTAIN. MANY OF THE PEOPLE BEHIND ME HAVE ORGANIZED, THEY'RE  
15 RAISING MONEY, THEY'RE SPENDING MONEY, THEY'RE DIAMETRICALLY  
16 OPPOSED TO THIS PROJECT IN ITS CURRENT FORM. WE, ALL OF US  
17 HERE, PARTICIPATED IN THE PLANNING OF THE NORTH AREA PLAN AND  
18 ARE COMMITTED TO UPHOLDING ITS POLICIES. I'M ASKING THAT YOU  
19 FOLLOW THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE, THE POLICIES OF THE NORTH AREA  
20 PLAN, THE LAW AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING  
21 COMMISSION AND DENY THE TRIANGLE RANCH APPLICATION AS IT  
22 CURRENTLY STANDS. I'D LIKE TO SEE THE CEDE THE REMAINING  
23 MINUTE TO MR. ANGEL.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. ANGEL?





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2 **FRANK P. ANGEL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE

3 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CENTER FOR

4 BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND I'M VERY PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THIS,

5 AS FAR AS I CAN RECOLLECT, IS THE VERY FIRST TIME THAT THE

6 CENTER HAS APPEARED IN A CASE THAT INVOLVES RESOURCE LOSS AND

7 DAMAGE IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND THE REASON IS VERY

8 CLEAR, BECAUSE OF FEDERALLY AND STATE-LISTED PROTECTED SPECIES

9 THAT ARE BEING REMOVED ENTIRELY AND SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED AS

10 A RESULT OF FUEL MODIFICATIONS. THE CENTER WILL HENCEFORWARD

11 VERY VIGOROUSLY DEFEND THESE LAWS AND ALSO DEFEND YOUR NORTH

12 AREA PLAN, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WHICH ADDS ADDITIONAL

13 PROTECTION ABOVE THE LINE OF THE FEDERAL AND THE STATE LAWS, A

14 FACT THAT WAS NOT BEING NOTED BY THE ATTORNEY FOR THE

15 DEVELOPER. AND, AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION MADE IT VERY CLEAR,

16 INTERPRETING THESE POLICIES, READING THESE POLICIES, YOU

17 CANNOT AFFORD LOSS OF ANY OF THESE SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES IN

18 THE S.E.A. THE SAME IS CLEAR WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE S.E.A. SO

19 THE INCONSISTENCIES WITH THE NORTH AREA PLAN AND WITH THE

20 GENERAL PLAN S.E.A. PROTECTION POLICIES THAT DEVELOPMENT CAN

21 ONLY BE PERMITTED IN AN S.E.A. IF IT IS HIGHLY COMPATIBLE,

22 HIGHLY COMPATIBLE WITH ITS PROTECTED RESOURCES. IF YOU LOOK AT

23 THAT, IT DOESN'T WORK. THIS PROJECT IS COMING TO YOU IN A

24 TOTALLY UN-APPROVABLE FORMAT. WE TOTALLY AGREE ALSO WITH THE

25 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE THAT A VERY IMPORTANT, SIGNIFICANT, NEW



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1 ALTERNATIVE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO YOU THAT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY  
2 REDUCE THE PROJECT'S ADVERSE IMPACTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT.  
3 THEREFORE, UNDER SEQUA GUIDELINES 15(0)88.5, RECIRCULATION OF  
4 THE DRAFT EIR AND AT LEAST OF THE CHAPTER THAT DEALS WITH  
5 ALTERNATIVES IS REQUIRED SO THAT YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND THAT  
6 ALL THE SUPERVISORS AND STAFF CAN REVIEW THAT ALTERNATIVE  
7 BECAUSE THE CENTER, THE PUBLIC AGENCY'S ACCEPT THE SANTA  
8 MONICA MOUNTAIN'S CONSERVANCY AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC, OTHER  
9 THAN CPO, HAVE SEEN THIS ALTERNATIVE PRESENTED FOR THE FIRST  
10 TIME. AND, IN FACT, WE WERE NOT ABLE TO EVEN FOLLOW IT SINCE  
11 IT'S DIRECTED TO THE BOARD. BUT IT IS A VERY WORTHWHILE  
12 ATTEMPT AT AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUPERIOR PROJECT AND THEREFORE--  
13 AND REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANT NEW INFORMATION PRIOR TO THE  
14 CERTIFICATION OF THE EIR IS SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE  
15 EIR ALTERNATIVES, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO PROTECTION OF  
16 VIEWS. AND THEREFORE...

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DOES YOUR CLIENT SUPPORT THE  
19 ALTERNATIVE REPRESENTED TODAY?

20

21 **FRANK P. ANGEL:** PARDON ME?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DOES YOUR CLIENT SUPPORT THE  
24 ALTERNATIVE THAT'S BEEN PRESENTED TODAY?

25



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1   **FRANK P. ANGEL:** THE ALTERNATIVE, WELL, THAT'S EXACTLY-- THAT'S  
2   A VERY GOOD QUESTION AND THAT'S EXACTLY THE POINT. WE ARE  
3   INCLINED TO REVIEW IT IN GOOD FAITH JUST AS IT HAS BEEN  
4   PRESENTED IN GOOD FAITH AND WE MIGHT VERY WELL SUPPORT IT. BUT  
5   WE CAN'T-- I CAN'T, ON RECORD, SAY ANYTHING LIKE THAT NOW  
6   BECAUSE IT HASN'T BEEN PART OF THE EIR OR THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
7   DOCUMENTATION. IT HASN'T BEEN CIRCULATED, WHICH IS EXACTLY WHY  
8   C.E.Q.A. REQUIRES RECIRCULATION WHEN SUCH SIGNIFICANT NEW  
9   INFORMATION IS BEING PRESENTED. AND WE RESERVE JUDGMENT. AND  
10   WE WILL LOOK AT IT IN VERY GOOD FAITH AS WE HAVE AT  
11   ALTERNATIVE 4, AS HAS THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND HAS STAFF.  
12   SO I THINK THE APPLICANT AND THE PUBLIC, STAFF...

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS, FRANK. I THINK YOU  
15   ANSWERED MY QUESTION.

16

17   **FRANK P. ANGEL:** ...AND THE COMMISSION ARE FAR APART SO WE URGE  
18   YOU TO PROCEED IN THAT WAY OR, IF THE APPLICANT WANTS DENIAL  
19   RIGHT AWAY, THEN-- WANTS TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT, IT  
20   SHOULD BE DENIED. THANK YOU.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SURE HE APPRECIATES THAT PRO  
23   BONO ADVICE. [ LAUGHTER ] ALL RIGHT. THANKS, FRANK, APPRECIATE  
24   IT. JAMES WRIGLEY, CYRIL, I CAN'T READ THE HANDWRITING?  
25   CIANFLONE. I'M DOING SOME REAL GOOD WORK WITH NAMES TODAY.



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1 CHESTER YABITSU, I THINK WE HEARD FROM ALREADY. JERE BERKLEY?  
2 AND ERIN GRENOHL? YOU'RE WITH THE ANGEL FIRM. GO AHEAD. YOU  
3 WERE NOT PART OF THE CPO PILE OF CARDS. SO, IF YOU WANT TO  
4 SPEAK, YOU COULD SPEAK. YOU WANT TO COME ON UP? ALL RIGHT. MR.  
5 WRIGLEY?

6

7 **JAMES WRIGLEY:** YES. MY NAME IS JAMES WRIGLEY AND I'M  
8 REPRESENTING SAVE OPEN SPACE, SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND I  
9 WISH TO READ A LETTER THAT WAS WRITTEN BY MARY WIESBROCK,  
10 WHO'S THE CHAIR OF SAVE OPEN SPACE AND SHE GOES ON TO SAY,  
11 "TRIANGLE RANCH ENCROACHES ON THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, AN  
12 ISLAND OF BIODIVERSITY AND A SEA OF URBANIZATION. THE PROPOSED  
13 PROJECT THREATENS IMPERILED LOCAL PLANTS THAT ONLY EXIST IN  
14 SMALL AREAS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. FOR EXAMPLE, THE  
15 DEVELOPMENT WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT NEARLY 2 ACRES OF THE  
16 FEDERALLY ENDANGERED PLANT LYON'S PENTACHAETA AND NEARLY HALF  
17 AN ACRE OF THE FEDERALLY THREATENED PLANNED SANTA MONICA  
18 MOUNTAINS, DUDLEYA. THE PROJECT, AS IT STANDS NOW, WILL ALSO  
19 REMOVE MORE THAN 21 OAK TREES, INCLUDING TWO HERITAGE OAKS AND  
20 ENCROACH ON 11 OTHER OAKS. TRIANGLE RANCH WILL HAVE  
21 DETRIMENTAL IMPACTS ON A NUMBER OF OTHER FRAGILE PLANT AND  
22 ANIMAL SPECIES THAT CALL THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS HOME. THE  
23 PROJECT WILL BREAK AN IMPORTANT WILDLIFE LINKAGE ALONG MEDEA  
24 CREEK THAT BENEFITS THE MIGRATIONS OF LARGE MAMMALS LIKE  
25 BOBCATS, MOUNTAIN LIONS AND DEER. TRIANGLE RANCH JEOPARDIZES



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1 SENSITIVE STREAMS AND WATER QUALITY IN SENSITIVE WATERWAYS.  
2 THE PROJECT PROPOSES GRADING, HOME CONSTRUCTION AND  
3 LANDSCAPING IN AN EXTREMELY CLOSE PROXIMITY TO MEDEA CREEK AND  
4 TRIBUTARIES OF MALIBU CREEK. THESE CREEKS ARE ALREADY  
5 FEDERALLY LISTED AS IMPAIRED AND TRIANGLE RANCH WOULD LIKELY  
6 CAUSE FURTHER DEPOSITS OF NUTRIENTS, CHEMICALS AND DEBRIS INTO  
7 THE DAMAGED WATERWAY. SINCERELY, MARY WIESBROCK" AND I'D LIKE  
8 TO LEAVE THIS FOR THE RECORD.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL MAKE THAT PART OF  
11 THE RECORD. THANK YOU, MR. WRIGLEY.

12

13 **JAMES WRIGLEY:** THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. YABITSU?

16

17 **CHESTER YABITSU:** YES, MY NAME IS CHET YABITSU. I'M FROM  
18 AGOURA. I'M A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM. AND,  
19 IN THIS CAPACITY, I'VE BECOME FAMILIAR WITH SOME OF THE LOCAL  
20 SAFETY ISSUES. TODAY, I WILL ADDRESS THE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY  
21 ISSUES OF THE TRIANGLE RANCH DEVELOPMENT, WHICH CONSISTS OF  
22 THREE SEPARATE PARCELS ALONG CANAAN ROAD AND CORNELL. THE  
23 BASIC PROBLEM IS INCREASING TRAFFIC ON CANAAN. ONE. THERE ARE  
24 APPROXIMATELY 1,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN THE UNINCORPORATED VALLEY  
25 SOUTH OF THE 101 FREEWAY. DURING THE EMERGENCY SUCH AS A



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1 WILDFIRE, WE HAVE ONLY TWO ACCESS ROADS TO THE FREEWAY AND  
2 AGOURA HILLS. THESE TWO ROADS MERGE AT TRIANGLE RANCH SITE,  
3 THUS HAVING A PINCHING EFFECT ON THE TRAFFIC. ON WEEKENDS, THE  
4 TRAFFIC ON CANAAN IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH. WE HAVE A  
5 SERIOUS EVACUATION PROBLEM AS IT IS SO PLEASE DO NOT ADD TO  
6 THE HIGH TRAFFIC ISSUE BY INCREASING TRAFFIC WITH A LARGE  
7 DEVELOPMENT AT THIS POINT ON CANAAN ROAD. THIS ISSUE HAS NOT  
8 BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION NOR MITIGATED BY THE DEVELOPER.  
9 I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT THIS SITE MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR  
10 SUCH A LARGE DEVELOPMENT. THE DEVELOPER'S EIR DID NOT INCLUDE  
11 THE CONSIDERATION FOR THE INCREASED TRAFFIC IMPACT BY THE  
12 AGOURA HILLS VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT. THE SPECIFIC PLAN FOR THE  
13 VILLAGE WAS RECENTLY APPROVED AND INCLUDES A SMALL ONE-LANE  
14 TRAFFIC CIRCLE, APPROXIMATELY 500 YARDS FROM THE TRIANGLE  
15 RANCH, WHICH WILL PINCH THE TRAFFIC ON CANAAN. A SIGNIFICANT  
16 IMPACT. NEITHER DID THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS INCLUDE THE  
17 TRAFFIC IMPACT CAUSED BY TRIANGLE RANCH IN THEIR EIR. THAT IS,  
18 NEITHER ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF THE COMBINED IMPACT OF  
19 INCREASED TRAFFIC IN THEIR RESPECTIVE EIRS. THERE IS CURRENTLY  
20 ANOTHER PROBLEM ON CORNELL ROAD. IT IS WINDY AND HAS A LOT OF  
21 VALLEYS AND IT'S FUN TO DRIVE. SO THERE'S A LOT OF SPEED  
22 DRIVERS AND WE HAD TWO ACCIDENTS AND WE'RE STILL COUNTING, HAD  
23 TWO FATALITIES. SO THE FAMILIES ALONG CORNELL ARE VERY  
24 CONCERNED THAT-- SO MUCH SO THAT THEY ARE VERY FEARFUL OF



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1 TAKING THEIR CHILDREN AND ASKING THEM TO DO CHORES LIKE TAKING  
2 OUT TRASH AND PICKING UP MAIL.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. IS CYRIL  
5 CIANFLONE HERE? NOT HERE. JERE BERKELEY? ERIN GRENOHL? IS  
6 THERE AN ERIN GRENOHL HERE? NO. BLYTHE ARVIV? BLYTHE? HAVE A  
7 SEAT. IS BLYTHE ARVIV HERE? DR. SERENA FRIEDMAN? YOU'RE HERE.  
8 ALL RIGHT, THESE ARE OUR LAST TWO. IDENTIFY YOURSELVES,  
9 PLEASE.

10

11 **JERE BERKLEY:** HI, MY NAME IS JERE BERKLEY, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
12 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS AND I LIVE IN THE CORNELL AREA. I'D LIKE  
13 TO TALK ABOUT THE LYON'S PENTACHAETA. THE APPLICANTS, IN 1998,  
14 HAD A BIOTA REPORT COMMISSIONED. IT MADE THEM AWARE OF THE  
15 STANDS OF THESE ENDANGERED PLANTS IN THE AREA OFF OF  
16 CORNELL ROAD. THERE'S A VERY IMPORTANT KNOLL IN THIS AREA THAT  
17 HAD A WONDERFUL STAND OF THESE PLANTS. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY  
18 WANTED TO SHAVE THIS KNOLL DOWN AND BUILD ON IT. SO WHAT DID  
19 THEY DO? THEY BROUGHT IN HORSES AND CIRCUS ANIMALS AND STALLS  
20 TO THIS KNOLL ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO, AND THE PLANTS WERE  
21 TRAMPLED AND FINALLY DESTROYED. NOW I'M ASKING YOU, HOW ARE WE  
22 GOING TO REWARD THIS LAWLESSNESS THAT THESE PEOPLE HAVE DONE?  
23 I ACTUALLY THINK THIS WAS CRIMINAL. I'M SURPRISED THAT NOTHING  
24 WAS DONE TO THEM BUT A SMACK ON THE HAND. THERE ARE PEOPLE IN  
25 THIS COUNTRY THAT MAKE INVESTMENTS AND ARE NOT ABLE TO SEE THE





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1    END RESULT THAT THEY HAD HOPED FOR. IT HAPPENS EVERY DAY.  
2    THESE PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH THE TRIANGLE RANCH HAVE INVESTED  
3    MONEY, ATTEMPTED TO BUILD WHAT THEY WANT TO BUILD AND HAVE  
4    REFUSED TO COMPROMISE. THE LOS ANGELES PLANNERS REFUSED THEM  
5    BECAUSE THEY REFUSED TO WORK WITH ANYONE. AS A HOMEOWNER IN  
6    THIS AREA, IT MAKES ME WONDER WHY THEY DID NOT COMPROMISE. I  
7    HAVE TO BE CYNICAL HERE. COULD IT BE THAT THEY'VE BEEN TOLD BY  
8    SOMEBODY, "DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE GOING TO GET WHAT YOU WANT WHEN  
9    YOU GO TO THE SUPERVISORS"? BECAUSE HONESTLY THAT CAN BE THE  
10   ONLY ANSWER, THAT THEY HAVE AN "IN" BECAUSE, TIME AFTER TIME,  
11   THEY REFUSE TO CHANGE IN ALL THE TIMES WE WENT DOWN TO THE  
12   PLANNING COMMISSION. WE'RE NOT STUPID. THERE IS NOT ONE PERSON  
13   THAT LIVES SOUTH OF THE 101 FREEWAY IN AGOURA HILLS THAT MOVED  
14   THERE SO THAT THAT COULD BE DEVELOPED. WE MOVE THERE BECAUSE  
15   IT'S BEAUTIFUL AND IT'S RURAL. YOU OWE IT TO US TO MAINTAIN  
16   THIS AREA IN THE WAY THAT WE, THE TAXPAYERS, WANT IT. WE DO  
17   NOT WANT THIS AREA TO LOOK LIKE THE OVERDEVELOPED, UGLY CITY  
18   OF CALABASAS. WHAT A TRAGEDY THAT THAT WAS ALLOWED. YOU'RE THE  
19   PROTECTORS, THE STEWARDS OF THIS AREA. I ASK YOU TO DO YOUR  
20   JOB AND NOT DISAPPOINT US.

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22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MISS FRIEDMAN.

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1   **DR. SERENA FRIEDMAN:** YEAH, I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CORNELL  
2   ROAD RANCHO'S HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION AND I HAD SOME TIMES  
3   FROM CYRIL SO I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR A LITTLE EXTENSION.

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5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, THERE'S NO MORE EXTENSIONS,  
6   I'M SORRY. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES AND THAT'S IT.

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8   **DR. SERENA FRIEDMAN:** AND I ALSO HAVE CYRIL'S TIME ADDED TO  
9   MINE. THIS IS THE AREA PLAN FROM 1981. IN FACT, SUPERVISOR  
10   ANTONOVICH PARTICIPATED IN IT. THE GOALS THAT WERE SET OUT, AS  
11   YOU MUST BE AWARE, ARE TO PRESERVE THE CHARACTER AND SCENIC  
12   VALUES OF THE MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY SCENIC CORRIDOR AS A SCENIC  
13   AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCE AND, IN ADDITION, TO PRIORITIZE  
14   PRESERVATION OF THE AREA AND ITS RURAL LIFESTYLE. THE ORIGINAL  
15   AREA PLAN MANDATED THAT WE SET THESE GOALS ASIDE AND, IN FACT,  
16   THE FORMATION OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS ADDITIONALLY  
17   VALIDATED IT. WE NEVER INTENDED TO HAVE AN ENCINO OR A VAN  
18   NUYS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. AS YOU KNOW,  
19   THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGIC AREA WITH SPECIES AND ANIMALS,  
20   THE ANIMALS THAT MY DAUGHTERS AND I SAW IN THE EARLY MORNING  
21   HOURS WALKING ON CANAAN ROAD. MANY OF THEM ARE MENTIONED IN MY  
22   DOCUMENTATION THAT I WILL SUBMIT. I WANT TO POINT OUT TO YOU  
23   THAT THERE WAS A SCIENTIST, DR. HOWTENICK, WHO WORKS AS A  
24   RESOURCE PERSON FOR L.A. COUNTY. HE STATED THAT THERE ARE  
25   PLANTS FOUND NOWHERE ELSE IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND I



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1 ALLUDE TO HIS CONCLUSIONS IN MY DOCUMENTATION. IN ADDITION TO  
2 THIS, THERE WAS AN ANALYSIS BY STEVE CRAIG, THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
3 ANALYST FOR THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS WHEN HE WAS ADDRESSING  
4 THE SIMILAR LIVE OAK PROJECT. AND HE CONCLUDED THAT THE PROPER  
5 DESIGNATION FOR THIS AREA SHOULD BE A DENSITY OF 1 UNIT PER 20  
6 TO 40 ACRES, THAT THE IMPACT WOULD BE INCREDIBLE ON THE  
7 ALREADY OVERSTRESSED 101 FREEWAY AND AGOURA ROAD, AS WELL AS  
8 CORNELL ROAD. I LIVE IN A HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEAR THE  
9 FIRE STATION ON CORNELL ROAD, AN UNLIT, WINDING COUNTRY ROAD.  
10 THERE ARE BLIND SPOTS. THERE ARE CURVES. THERE'S NO  
11 IMPROVEMENT THERE. PEOPLE LIVE WITH THEIR HORSES. THEY GO  
12 HIKING. THEY GO RUNNING. WE KNOW THAT THERE HAD BEEN A RECENT  
13 HUNDRED-YEAR FLOOD ON CORNELL ROAD. DURING THAT HUNDRED-YEAR  
14 FLOOD OF 1992, THREE FEET OF WATER...

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO WRAP IT UP  
17 IF YOU CAN.

18

19 **DR. SERENA FRIEDMAN:** ...3 FEET OF WATER MADE THE ROAD  
20 IMPASSIBLE AND THERE WERE SEDIMENTS, 50,000 CUBIC YARDS OF  
21 SEDIMENT DEPOSITED INTO THE CREEK. THERE IS NO ADEQUATE  
22 ANALYSIS COMPLIANT WITH C.E.Q.A. OF CUMULATIVE IMPACT IN THE  
23 PROPOSAL BY THE APPLICANT BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT PART IS THE  
24 TRAFFIC DATA. THE MOST ARE IMPORTANT PART IS THAT THE  
25 INTERSECTIONS ARE IMPASSIBLE LEVEL OF SERVICE D AND E. YOU



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1 NEED TO HEAR THIS. CONSTRUCTION WAS DONE ALLEGEDLY TO MAKE IT  
2 SMOOTH SO YOU COULD EXIT FROM CANAAN ROAD AND GET ON THE 101  
3 FREEWAY. UNFORTUNATELY, THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE AT THE  
4 INTERSECTION.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I'M SORRY, I'VE GIVEN YOU AN  
7 EXTRA MINUTE. IT'S NOT FAIR TO THE OTHERS.

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9 **DR. SERENA FRIEDMAN:** IN REPRESENTING A HOMEOWNER'S  
10 ASSOCIATION, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR ONE MORE MINUTE TO  
11 CONCLUDE MY TRAFFIC INFORMATION.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY, WE HAD AN AGREEMENT, WE  
14 HAD A SET OF RULES AND WE'RE GOING TO ABIDE BY THEM. WHO'S  
15 NEXT?

16

17 **ERIN GRENOHL:** I'M ERIN GRENOHL AND I'M HERE WITH ANGEL LAW  
18 AND, BEHALF OF THE CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, AND I'D  
19 LIKE TO JUST MENTION A COUPLE THINGS THAT HAVE NOT COME UP  
20 THOROUGHLY YET. ONE, I'D LIKE TO AGREE WITH THE CPO  
21 REPRESENTATIVE WHO MENTIONED THE FACT THAT A PROJECT  
22 APPLICANT'S HIGH FINANCIAL EXPECTATIONS ARE NOT, IN  
23 THEMSELVES, A VALID REASON TO DESTROY VALUABLE HABITAT OR  
24 NATURAL UNIQUE RESOURCES, AS DECIDED IN BOLSA CHICO LAND TRUST  
25 CASE. THE FACT THAT AN ALTERNATIVE MAY BE MORE EXPENSIVE OR



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1 LESS PROFITABLE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO SHOW THAT THE ALTERNATIVE  
2 IS FINANCIALLY INFEASIBLE. WHAT IS REQUIRED IS EVIDENCE THAT  
3 THE ADDITIONAL COSTS OR LOSS OF PROFITABILITY ARE SUFFICIENTLY  
4 SEVERE AS TO RENDER IT IMPRACTICAL TO PROCEED WITH THE  
5 PROJECT. THE APPLICANT HERE HAS NEVER CLAIMED THAT THE  
6 INFORMATION OF ALTERNATIVE 4, WHICH IS SIMILAR TO THE PROPOSAL  
7 OF CPO, IMPOSES SUCH A SEVERE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AS TO RENDER  
8 THE PROJECT IMPRACTICABLE. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADDRESS THE ZUMA  
9 TAIL DESIGN. IN THE SEPTEMBER 2006 MEETING BEFORE THE  
10 COMMISSION, TESTIMONY WAS TAKEN FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
11 AND REC STATING THAT THE LOCATION OF ZUMA TRAIL IS UNSUITABLE.  
12 THIS ISSUE HAS NOT YET BEEN CURED AND WE WOULD LIKE FOR THIS  
13 ISSUE TO BE ADDRESSED BEFORE THE BOARD CERTIFIES OR APPROVES  
14 THE PROJECT. I'D ALSO LIKE THE MENTION THE ISSUE OF AIR  
15 QUALITY, WHICH IS DEALT WITH IN A CURSORY WAY IN THE DRAFT  
16 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. IN THE D-EIR, IT SAYS THAT  
17 REGIONAL IMPACTS TO AIR QUALITY ARE CUMULATIVE IN NATURE,  
18 DERIVING FROM OVERALL GROWTH PLUS THE INCREMENTAL CONTRIBUTION  
19 FROM THE PROPOSED PROJECT IN COMBINATION WITH THE EMISSIONS  
20 FROM THE RELATED PROJECTS. HOWEVER, THE D-EIR THEN GOES ON TO  
21 DISMISS ANY POTENTIAL WHATSOEVER FOR SIGNIFICANT CUMULATIVE  
22 IMPACTS TO AIR QUALITY, BASED ON THE ASSERTION THAT THE  
23 PROJECT REPRESENTS A SMALL FRACTION OF ANTICIPATED REGIONAL  
24 GROWTH. HOWEVER, NO DATA OR SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE ARE REVIEWED  
25 AS A FOUNDATION FOR THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE WILL BE NO



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1    SIGNIFICANT CUMULATIVE IMPACT RESULTING FROM THE PROJECT IN  
2    COMBINATION WITH OTHER PROJECTS. THANK YOU.

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4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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6    **SHERI SOLADAR:** HI, I'M SHERI SOLADAR, GOOD DAY, HONORABLE  
7    SUPERVISORS. I'M A 13-YEAR RESIDENT AND A LOCAL AREA REALTOR.  
8    I HAVE 18 YEARS BACKGROUND IN DEVELOPMENT AND SALES. ONE  
9    PROJECT THAT WAS MINE WAS A THREE-PHASE VERY LARGE HOUSING  
10    COMPLEX. THEREFORE, I THINK I CAN SPEAK CONFIDENTLY AND  
11    PRAGMATICALLY FROM A DEVELOPER AND SALES POSITION. AGOURA SITS  
12    BETWEEN CALABASAS AND HIDDEN HILLS AND WESTLAKE VILLAGE. SOME  
13    OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE REAL ESTATE IN THE WORLD SITS IN THIS  
14    AREA. THE GOAL IS TO ASSIST THE DEVELOPER TO A SUCCESSFUL  
15    BOTTOM LINE WHILE MAINTAINING AN ECOLOGICAL BALANCE AND  
16    BEAUTY. FROM A REALTOR POINT OF VIEW, BUILD HOMES THAT HELP ME  
17    HELP YOU, THE DEVELOPER. THE LADY FACE AREA IS THE LARGEST  
18    DEVELOPMENT AREA, EXCELLENT PROXIMITY TO THE UPCOMING AGOURA  
19    VILLAGE SHOULD EASILY COMMAND HIGH-END LARGE LOT, HIGH TICKET  
20    PROPERTY MARKET VALUES. THE DEVELOPER COULD EASILY RECREATE  
21    THE AURA OF HIDDEN HILLS AND THE OAKS OF CALABASAS. OPULENT  
22    CONSTRUCTION, GATED, NATURE, CALM. THE DEMOGRAPHICS SUPPORT  
23    THE EXCLUSIVE-- THIS TYPE OF EXCLUSIVE HOME DEVELOPMENT. THE  
24    MEDEA CREEK AREA, I SEE POTENTIAL LIABILITY DUE TO PERCOLATION  
25    OF FOREIGN SOILS AND CHEMICALS GOING INTO THE CREEK. SOILS



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1 PERCOLATION AND SEEPAGE PIT STUDIES ARE NECESSARY TO OFFSET  
2 ANY POTENTIAL LIABILITY AND THEREFORE NEEDS TO BE TESTED FOR  
3 RUNOFF AND PERMEATION. THE FIRE STATION AREA IS PROBABLY THE  
4 LEASED DESIRABLE FROM A DEVELOPMENT AND RESALE POINT OF VIEW.  
5 NEIGHBORING THE SIMPLY BUILT FIRE STATION, ALONG WITH THE  
6 NOISE CREATED BY SIRENS, IS A MAJOR DETERRENT. SUGGESTED USE  
7 IS TO CONSTRUCT A STABLE OR ARENA AREA AND IT PUTS HORSES ON  
8 THIS SIDE OF THE BRIDAL TRAIL NETWORK AND THEN THIS COULD BE  
9 RESOLD AS A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY. BUILDING UNIQUE, HIGH-END  
10 HOMES THAT IS BLOOMING HIGH END DUE TO THE AGOURA VILLAGE IS  
11 AN OBVIOUS ASSET HERE. THIS GIVES ME THE PROPER PRODUCT LINE  
12 TO SELL. SIMPLY STATED, THE DEVELOPER CAN AND STILL MAKE A  
13 VERY LARGE PROFIT WHILE MAINTAINING THE DELICATE ECOLOGICAL  
14 BALANCE OF THE AREA.

15  
16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S  
17 PUBLIC HEARING. I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. FIRST OF  
18 ALL, NO, YOU LEAVE THAT UP THERE, DAVID. WE'RE NOT DONE YET.  
19 RICK? REICH WEISS, COUNTY COUNSEL, WE JUST, FOR THE RECORD,  
20 WOULD YOU ADDRESS MR. ANGEL'S COMMENT ON THE REQUIREMENT THAT  
21 SIMPLY BECAUSE AN ALTERNATIVE HAS COME FORWARD THAT WE NEED TO  
22 DO A NEW WHATEVER IT IS? AN AMENDMENT TO THE EIR?

23  
24 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN.





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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND WHAT OUR OBLIGATIONS ARE UNDER  
2   THE LAW.

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4   **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE GUIDELINE SECTION THAT  
5   MR. ANGEL REFERENCED DOES REQUIRE RECIRCULATION IN THE  
6   ALTERNATIVE CONTEXT WHEN A FEASIBLE PROJECT ALTERNATIVE  
7   CONSIDERABLY DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS PREVIOUSLY ANALYZED WOULD  
8   CLEARLY LESSEN THE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE  
9   PROJECT AND THE PROPONENT DECLINES TO ADOPT IT. IN MY OPINION,  
10   AND IN CONSULTING WITH STAFF, NUMBER ONE, THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT  
11   SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT FROM ALTERNATIVE 4, WHICH WAS ALREADY  
12   ANALYZED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND CIRCULATED IN  
13   MOST MAJOR RESPECTS. SECONDLY, WITH RESPECT TO THE SOUTHERN  
14   PORTION WEST, I BELIEVE, OF CANAAN ROAD, THIS ALTERNATIVE  
15   PROVIDES FOR THE ELIMINATION OF HABITAT OF THE LYON'S  
16   PENTACHAETA SO, FROM THAT STANDPOINT, IT DOES NOT  
17   SUBSTANTIALLY LESSEN THE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF  
18   THE PROJECT. SO, FROM THOSE PERSPECTIVES, WE DO NOT AGREE THAT  
19   RECIRCULATION WOULD BE REQUIRED MERELY BECAUSE OF THE  
20   PRESENTATION OF THIS NEW ALTERNATIVE.

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22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NOW, IF WE WANT TO GIVE INTERESTED  
23   PARTIES, STAKEHOLDERS, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
24   COMMENT ON AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN, WHATEVER THAT ALTERNATIVE PLAN  
25   MIGHT EMERGE, IF SUCH A PLAN EMERGES, IF WE DON'T ACT ON IT



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1 TODAY, WE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO DO THAT OF OUR OWN  
2 VOLITION, CORRECT?

3

4 **RICHARD WEISS:** RIGHT. WELL, GIVEN THE ALTERNATIVES THAT HAVE  
5 BEEN PRESENTED, I AM NOT AWARE OF ONE THAT WOULD REQUIRE  
6 RECIRCULATION. BUT YOUR BOARD IS NOT REQUIRED TO BUT IT COULD,  
7 AS A COURTESY, PROVIDE FOR COMMENTS TO BE ACCEPTED FOR A  
8 CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME, PARTICULARLY IF THE BOARD IS  
9 INTERESTED IN A MIDDLE GROUND PROJECT, SOMETHING THAT WAS  
10 WITHIN THE ENVELOPE OF WHAT THE COMMISSION ANALYZED.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY. WERE THERE OTHER  
13 PROPONENTS WHO WANTED TO SPEAK? DID YOU SUBMIT A CARD, MR.  
14 WHIZIN? DID YOU SUBMIT A CARD? I DIDN'T SEE IT. ALL RIGHT.  
15 COME ON UP. WHO ELSE? I DID NOT HAVE A CARD FOR YOU FOR SURE  
16 BUT COME ON UP. YOU GET TWO MINUTES EACH. WE'LL ARGUE ABOUT IT  
17 FOR LONGER THAN THAT SO...

18

19 **BRUCE F. WHIZIN:** RESPECTFULLY, WE WERE TOLD WE HAD FOR OUR  
20 SIDE 30 MINUTES. AND WE USED ABOUT THREE OR FOUR.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** COME ON, LET'S GO.

23

24 **BRUCE WHIZIN:** MY NAME IS BRUCE WHIZIN, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS.  
25 I'VE FIND MYSELF IN A...



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I APOLOGIZE. I HAVE YOUR CARD  
3 BURIED UNDER MY OTHER JUNK.

4

5 **BRUCE WHIZIN:** I FIND MYSELF IN A VERY INTERESTING POSITION  
6 HERE HAVING LISTENED TO EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENING BECAUSE,  
7 IN MARCH OF 1954, WHEN I GOT OUT OF THE SERVICE, MY FATHER AND  
8 I WERE INVOLVED WITH THE PURCHASES OF SEVERAL PIECES OF  
9 PROPERTY OVER THE NEXT FIVE OR SIX YEARS, INCLUDING THE TWO--  
10 WELL, THE PARCEL THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. AND I FIND THAT I  
11 HAVE SOME REGRETS. I'M SORRY THAT WE WORKED HARD TO GET  
12 METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT TO BRING WATER THERE AS A RESULT  
13 OF THE EARTHQUAKE SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE, THE WATER TABLE IN  
14 AGOURA DROPPED DRASTICALLY. OUR PROPERTIES HAD SIGNIFICANT  
15 WATER. WE DIDN'T NEED METROPOLITAN WATER BUT WE FELT LIKE IT  
16 WAS REALLY GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY. I REMEMBER THAT THERE WERE  
17 LESS THAN 300 PEOPLE IN AGOURA AND THAT INCLUDED SEMINOLE HOT  
18 SPRINGS, MALIBU LAKE, MALIBU LAKESIDE, VERY FEW IN WHAT WE NOW  
19 CALL OLD AGOURA. SO, WHEN I DROVE UP CORNELL ROAD, I HAD A  
20 GREAT, GREAT VIEW, UNRESTRICTED VIEW OF SOME OF THE MOST  
21 BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY ON CORNELL ROAD. I FIND THAT I REGRET THAT  
22 WE GAVE CORNELL-- CANAAN ROAD TO THE COUNTY BECAUSE IT WAS  
23 IMPRACTICAL TO HAVE THE FREEWAY INTERCHANGE AT CORNELL ROAD.  
24 I'M BEING SOMEWHAT FACETIOUS HERE BECAUSE THE PROPERTY WAS  
25 TRULY BEAUTIFUL. THERE WAS NO RESTRICTION OF VIEW WHEN YOU



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1 DROVE UP CORNELL ROAD, INCLUDING THE HOMES ADJACENT TO CORNELL  
2 ROAD NOW. AND, YOU KNOW, I FIND THAT WE'VE BEEN ACCUSED OF  
3 BEING LAWLESS IN LETTING A NEIGHBOR EXPAND THEIR HORSE AREA IN  
4 THE PIECE BEHIND THE FIREHOUSE WHEN WE WERE JUST BEING GOOD  
5 NEIGHBORS. IT WASN'T WITH ANY EVIL INTENT BECAUSE WE DIDN'T  
6 EVEN KNOW AT THAT TIME THAT LYON'S PENTACHAETA WAS ON THAT  
7 PIECE OF PROPERTY. WE ALLOWED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FREE ACCESS  
8 TO OPEN UP THE ROADS THAT CAME THROUGH THE 160 ACRES OF THE  
9 FIREHOUSE PIECE OR THE OTHER AREAS WHERE A LOT OF THESE  
10 ENDANGERED SPECIES ARE, PARTICULARLY LYON'S PENTACHAETA,  
11 BECAUSE IT DOESN'T GROW EXCEPT IN DISTURBED AREAS. SO THE  
12 RESULTS OF BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR, OKAY, I HAVE SOME REGRETS.  
13 SOME OTHER THINGS THAT WERE SAID THAT THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT ARE  
14 FOR THIS ARE THE DEVELOPERS. WELL, IN THE 1958, '59 AND '60, I  
15 NOW REPRESENT PROBABLY ABOUT 175 PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD OWNERSHIP  
16 IN THIS LAND. THERE'S ONLY ABOUT 70 OF US LEFT. I WAS 24 YEARS  
17 OLD AT THE TIME. I'M NOW 76. I'VE HEARD THAT, GEE, IT'S REALLY  
18 CONDUCIVE FOR LARGE, ESTATE-TYPE HOMES. THAT'S WHAT WE WENT  
19 INTO IN THE FIRST PLACE BUT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
20 OR PLANNING DEPARTMENT, IN ITS WISDOM, SAID, "GEE, HOW ABOUT  
21 MAINTAINING OPEN SPACE AND LET'S CLUSTER HOUSING." SO THE  
22 DEVELOPERS THAT WE'RE INVOLVED WITH HAVE SPENT NOW 4 TO \$5  
23 MILLION AND ARE HEARING "GEE, IT WOULD BE REALLY NICE TO HAVE  
24 THE KIND OF DEVELOPMENT THAT THEY WANTED IN THE FIRST PLACE"  
25 BUT IT'S NOW 4 TO \$5 MILLION DOWN THE ROAD. LOOK, THIS IS VERY



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1 DIFFICULT, OKAY? I REMEMBER SEMINOLE HOT SPRINGS WAS  
2 BEAUTIFUL. NOW, YOU KNOW, I REMEMBER WHEN IT WAS PAVED OVER  
3 FOR TRAILER PARKS. SEMINOLE HOT SPRINGS HAD AMONG THE SEVEN  
4 GREATEST, BEST MINERAL WATER DEPOSITS IN THE WORLD AND YET IT  
5 WAS PAVED OVER FOR THOSE FOLKS WHO ARE LIVING THERE NOW. LOOK,  
6 THIS IS DIFFICULT FOR YOU AND I UNDERSTAND THAT. AT THE BEHEST  
7 OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, WE'VE TRIED TO DESIGN  
8 SOMETHING THAT LEAVES 90 PERCENT OF THE OPEN SPACE THERE. NOT  
9 ONLY ARE THERE FAMILIES THAT HAVE INVESTED IN THIS SOME 50  
10 YEARS AGO BUT I ALSO REPRESENT A FOUNDATION THAT OWNS 38  
11 PERCENT OF THIS PROPERTY, AND THAT PROPERTY IS-- THAT MONIES  
12 WILL GO INTO A NONPROFIT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION THAT SUPPORTS  
13 SOME 40 OR 50 SECULAR CHARITIES AND A NUMBER OF THINGS IN THE  
14 JEWISH COMMUNITY, MOSTLY IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, INCLUDING  
15 THE STATE OF ISRAEL, A CENTER FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY. SO THERE ARE  
16 A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE INTERESTED IN THIS THING OTHER THAN  
17 JUST THE DEVELOPERS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BRUCE, I'D GOING TO ASK YOU TO  
20 CONCLUDE, OKAY? BECAUSE IF YOU WANT THE RABBI TO BE HEARD,  
21 TOO.

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23 **BRUCE WHIZIN:** YES, RABBI ARTSON HAS SOMETHING TO SAY.

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1   **BRADLEY ARTSON:** MY NAME IS BRAD ARTSON. I PROMISE TO BE WITHIN  
2   TWO MINUTES. YOU HAVE BEEN VERY PATIENT. YOU HAVE A DIFFICULT  
3   CHOICE TO MAKE BECAUSE WE'RE WEIGHING CONFLICTING GOODS.  
4   CERTAINLY, WE ALL CARE ABOUT THE BEAUTY OF THE REGION  
5   NATIONALLY AND BIODIVERSITY IS A GREAT VALUE. I WANT TO  
6   BROADEN THE DISCUSSION TO INCLUDE THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE  
7   CHARITIES THAT ALSO BENEFIT FROM DEVELOPMENT. I WANT TO TALK  
8   ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO NOW LIVE IN PLACES WHERE THEY THERE  
9   DIDN'T USED TO BE HOMES WHERE THERE WERE DEVELOPMENT OPPOSED  
10   AND NOW THEY LIVE VERY HAPPILY AND THEY CAN, IN TURN, OPPOSE  
11   FURTHER DEVELOPMENT. I WORK AT WHAT USED TO BE THE UNIVERSITY  
12   OF JUDAISM, NOW THE AMERICAN JEWISH UNIVERSITY. WE RUN A  
13   NONPROFIT MBA PROGRAM THAT PARTNERS WITH MINORITY COMMUNITIES  
14   IN LOS ANGELES THAT I THINK OF AS WHAT MAKES L.A. GREAT. AND  
15   THAT MONEY COMES FROM SCHOLARSHIPS RAISED BY PHILANTHROPISTS  
16   WHO MAKE THEIR MONEY ON DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS THIS ONE. SO, IN  
17   THINKING ABOUT APPROVING THIS DEVELOPMENT, I WANT YOU TO THINK  
18   NOT ONLY OF THE RESIDENTS WHO WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO MOVE IN IN  
19   TIME TO OPPOSE THE DEVELOPMENT BUT ALSO THE HUNDREDS OF  
20   THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE  
21   COUNTY WHO ARE ALSO INTIMATELY TIED UP BY THE DECISION THAT  
22   YOU'LL MAKE BECAUSE THIS IS, FOR US, THE 87 PERCENT OF OUR  
23   STUDENTS WHO ARE ON SCHOLARSHIP AND WHO ARE ABLE TO THEN SERVE  
24   IN THE JEWISH AND IN THE BROADER L.A. COMMUNITIES BECAUSE OF  
25   THE FUNDS THAT ARE MADE AVAILABLE. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, RABBI. THANK YOU. ALL  
3 RIGHT. CAN GET BACK TO THE-- SO WE CAN REQUIRE ON OUR OWN--  
4 NOT REQUIRE, WE CAN AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PEOPLE WHO WANT  
5 TO BE HEARD OR COMMENT ON ANY ALTERNATIVES, WE CAN OFFER THEM  
6 THAT OPPORTUNITY WITHIN A WINDOW OF TIME, IS THAT CORRECT?

7

8 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, WE CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMMENT PERIOD  
9 FOR PURPOSES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR A PERIOD OF  
10 TIME IF THE BOARD SO DESIRES.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME READ A MOTION.  
13 AND LET ME JUST, I GUESS I SHOULD SAY ONE THING. THIS  
14 PROPERTY, WHEN I FIRST TOOK OVER THIS POSITION, WHERE I WAS  
15 ELECTED TO THIS POSITION, WAS ZONED FOR WELL OVER 100, I THINK  
16 IT WAS 131 UNITS. WHEN THE NORTH AREA PLAN WAS APPROVED A  
17 COUPLE/THREE YEARS AGO, THAT PLAN TOOK THIS DOWN TO  
18 EFFECTIVELY A MAXIMUM OF 81 UNITS. WHEN THE APPLICANT WENT  
19 BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION, I BELIEVE HIS ORIGINAL  
20 APPLICATION WAS FOR 81 UNITS, I'M NOT SURE I'M CORRECT ON THAT  
21 BUT, IF IT WASN'T, IT'S CLOSE TO IT. AND, WHILE HE WAS AT THE  
22 PLANNING COMMISSION FOR-- HOW MANY YEARS? TWO YEARS? 2-1/2  
23 YEARS OF BACK AND FORTH WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THAT  
24 PROJECT SHRUNK FROM 81 TO 66 UNITS. SO SOMEONE WHO SAID--  
25 WHOEVER IT WAS THAT SAID THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS NOT BEEN





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1 WILLING TO CUT BACK, (A) HE CUT BACK. SOMETIMES OF HIS OWN, ON  
2 HIS OWN AND SOMETIMES BECAUSE HE WAS MADE TO BUT HE STARTED  
3 OUT, JUST IN THE 12 YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN HERE, AT 131, WHAT HE  
4 FELT WAS AN ENTITLEMENT AND IT WAS UNDER THE ZONING IN THE  
5 PLAN FOR 131 UNITS AND HE'S NOW DOWN TO 66. SO I WOULD CAUTION  
6 ANYBODY TO SAY IT'S BEEN A ONE-WAY STREET. AND I THINK HIS  
7 FRUSTRATION AND IT CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE BEEN IF I WERE IN HIS  
8 SHOES WAS THAT, EVERY TIME HE MADE A COMPROMISE ON SOMETHING,  
9 FIVE OTHER THINGS POPPED UP AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION. AND,  
10 IF I UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION, HE  
11 FINALLY SAID, "I'M FED UP. DENY MY PROJECT. I'M GOING THE TAKE  
12 MY CHANCES SOMEWHERE ELSE." I DON'T BLAME HIM BECAUSE WHAT WAS  
13 GOING ON AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION DID NOT SERVE THE PUBLIC  
14 PROCESS IN ANY WAY FROM ANYBODY'S POINT OF VIEW. NOW, THAT'S  
15 ALL I'LL SAY FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW. THE FACT IS THAT THE  
16 PROPOSAL THAT WAS MADE AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION DID NOT  
17 COMPLY WITH THE NORTH AREA PLAN AND I'LL READ THE MOTION. THE  
18 320-ACRE TRIANGLE RANCH PROPERTY LIES AT THE NORTHERN EDGE OF  
19 THE UNINCORPORATED SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NEAR THE BOUNDARY OF  
20 THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS AND THE GATEWAY TO THE SANTA MONICA  
21 MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA. THIS AREA IS GOVERNED BY  
22 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS' NORTH AREA PLAN, WHICH THIS BOARD  
23 APPROVED IN OCTOBER OF 2000. DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS THAT LONG  
24 AGO. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THIS PLAN REQUIRES THAT BIOTIC  
25 RESOURCES BE PROTECTED, THAT THE LAND SHOULD DICTATE THE TYPE



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1 AND INTENSITY OF THE DEVELOPMENT, AND THAT THE CHARACTER OF  
2 THE EXISTING COMMUNITIES BE PROTECTED. TODAY, THE BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS SHOULD UPHOLD ITS SUPPORT FOR THAT PLAN'S VISION  
4 FOR THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. THE NORTH AREA PLAN'S LAND USE  
5 DESIGNATIONS, IN AND OF THEMSELVES, PERMIT 108 HOUSING UNITS  
6 ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. ONCE THE PLAN'S HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT  
7 POLICIES ARE APPLIED, IT AUTOMATICALLY CUTS THAT NUMBER, THE  
8 NUMBER OF PERMITTED UNITS, TO ONLY 81 HOMES. THE PROPOSED 66-  
9 UNIT DEVELOPMENT IS THEREFORE BELOW THE NUMERICAL THRESHOLD  
10 PERMITTED BY THE NORTH AREA PLAN. FURTHERMORE, AND CONSISTENT  
11 WITH THE TYPE OF PROJECT ENCOURAGED BY THE NORTH AREA PLAN,  
12 THIS PROPOSAL CLUSTERS DEVELOPMENT ON JUST OVER 10 PERCENT OF  
13 THE 320-ACRE PROPERTY, THEREBY PROTECTING 287 ACRES OF LAND AS  
14 PERMANENT OPEN SPACE. AS AN ADDITIONAL BENEFIT OF THIS  
15 PROPOSAL, THE APPLICANT HAS VOLUNTARILY AGREED TO DONATE THE  
16 VAST MAJORITY OF THIS OPEN SPACE TO A PUBLIC PARK AGENCY,  
17 WHICH WOULD SECURE PERPETUITY A SUBSTANTIAL ADDITION TO THE  
18 PUBLICLY OWNED LANDS OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS' NATIONAL  
19 RECREATION AREA AND ENSURE THAT THE REMAINDER OF THIS LAND CAN  
20 NEVER BE DEVELOPED. FURTHER, THE VAST DEDICATION OF OPEN SPACE  
21 AND CLUSTERED DEVELOPMENT STANDS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THE  
22 URBAN DENSITIES APPROVED IN THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, FOR  
23 EXAMPLE, IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE TRIANGLE RANCH PROPERTY.  
24 WHEN REVIEWED IN THE CONTEXT OF WHAT APPLICANTS HAVE  
25 PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED FOR THIS AREA, THIS PUBLIC DEDICATION OF



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1 NEARLY 90 PERCENT OF THE LAND WILL ENSURE THAT URBAN SPRAWL  
2 AND EXPANSION NEVER OCCUR IN THIS PART OF THE SANTA MONICA  
3 MOUNTAINS. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MUST NOT LOSE THIS  
4 OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE NEARLY 300 ACRES OF DEDICATED PUBLIC  
5 OPEN SPACE, PERMANENTLY PRESERVE 90 PERCENT OF THIS PROPERTY,  
6 AND ENSURE THAT ANY DEVELOPMENT ON THIS PROPERTY IS CAREFULLY  
7 REVIEWED. HOWEVER, THESE POTENTIAL BENEFITS DO NOT JUSTIFY  
8 APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL THAT DOES NOT UPHOLD THE  
9 PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THE NORTH AREA PLAN. ANY PROJECT THAT  
10 IS APPROVED BY THIS BOARD SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE NORTH AREA  
11 PLAN. FURTHERMORE, IN LIGHT OF ALL THE POLICIES OF THE NORTH  
12 AREA PLAN AND THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED TODAY AND PREVIOUSLY, I  
13 AGREE WITH THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S JUDGMENT THAT  
14 THE DEVELOPMENT, AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED, DOES NOT COMPLY WITH  
15 THE NORTH AREA PLAN AND I THEREFORE CONCUR WITH THEIR DECISION  
16 TO DENY THE PROJECT IN ITS CURRENT CONFIGURATION. HOWEVER, THE  
17 COMMISSION WANTED IT TO BE MADE CLEAR TO THIS BOARD THAT THEIR  
18 DECISION WAS MADE, AND I QUOTE FROM THEIR COMMUNICATION, "AS A  
19 RESULT OF THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST FOR ACTION AND NOT  
20 NECESSARILY IN THE LARGER MERITS OF THE PROJECT." SINCE THE  
21 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING, THE APPLICANT HAS  
22 INDICATED TO MY OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT STAFF THAT HE IS  
23 WILLING TO MAKE CHANGES NECESSARY TO BRING THE PROJECT INTO  
24 COMPLIANCE WITH THE NORTH AREA PLAN. AND, TODAY, WE'VE HEARD--  
25 ACTUALLY A FEW DAYS AGO FROM CONCERNED NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS OR



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1 A GROUP, CORNELL PRESERVATION ORGANIZATION, HAVE OFFERED THEIR  
2 OWN ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SITE. I THEREFORE  
3 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING  
4 TO JUNE 26TH, 2007, AND INSTRUCT THE APPLICANT TO WORK WITH  
5 COUNTY STAFF TO REDESIGN THE PROJECT TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE  
6 NORTH AREA PLAN. THE APPLICANT SHALL, AT A MINIMUM,  
7 INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES, AS DEEMED FEASIBLE BY  
8 COUNTY STAFF: (1) ELIMINATE ALL RETAINING WALLS, AND I HAVE  
9 ADDED IN HERE: AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF UNITS ALONG CANAAN  
10 ROAD ON THE SOUTHERLY PORTION OF THE PROJECT AND ALONG OTHER  
11 SCENIC CORRIDORS. PROTECT ALL MAPPED LYON'S PENTACHAETA AND  
12 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS DUDLEYA HABITAT AREAS, INCLUDING BUT  
13 NOT LIMITED TO THOSE IN THE SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS OFF  
14 OF CORNELL ROAD AND ON OR NEAR LOTS 12, 13, 14, 24, 47, AND  
15 BETWEEN LOTS 25 AND 45. (3) INCORPORATE CHANGES IN PROJECT  
16 DESIGN TO MINIMIZE WATER QUALITY IMPACTS, PARTICULARLY TO  
17 MEDEA CREEK. (4) PROTECT THE RIPARIAN HABITAT WITHIN MEDEA  
18 CREEK BY MINIMIZING OR ELIMINATING BRUSH CLEARANCE IN THAT  
19 REGION. (5) RELOCATE STREET "D" FURTHER SOUTH IN ORDER TO  
20 ACCOMMODATE THE URBAN STYLE APPEARANCE OF THE FOUR-WAY  
21 INTERSECTION AND REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF GRADING IN THAT AREA.  
22 (6) REMOVE, WHEREVER FEASIBLE, ACCESS ROADS FOR FLOOD CONTROL  
23 FACILITIES NEAR MEDEA CREEK. (7) PREPARE BINDING DESIGN AND  
24 LANDSCAPE CONDITIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE PROJECT WILL MINIMIZE  
25 AN URBAN APPEARANCE AND BE COMPATIBLE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE



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1 WITH THE EXISTING COMMUNITY CHARACTER. (8) DESIGN THE  
2 DEVELOPMENT TO BETTER MAINTAIN SIGNIFICANT LAND FORMS, FURTHER  
3 PROTECT THE NATURAL TOPOGRAPHY OF THE AREA AND REDUCE THE  
4 OFFSITE EXPORT OF GRADED MATERIAL. (9) UTILIZE A RURAL ROAD  
5 STANDARD THAT ELIMINATES CURBS, GUTTERS AND SIDEWALKS. (10)  
6 AVOID THE CREATION OF ANY NEW OR INCREASED ENVIRONMENTAL  
7 IMPACTS IN THE PROPOSED REVISED MAP. AND I WOULD ADD THAT WE  
8 WOULD ALSO-- NOTHING IN THAT WOULD PRECLUDE US FROM EVALUATING  
9 ALL OR PARTS OF THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL THAT HAS BEEN  
10 PRESENTED TODAY BY THE CORNELL PRESERVATION ORGANIZATION, IS  
11 THAT CORRECT?

12

13 **RICHARD WEISS:** NO.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD ASK THAT WE CERTAINLY WE  
16 WILL LOOK AT THAT PLAN AND SEE HOW WE CAN SYNTHESIZE THAT INTO  
17 THIS FRAMEWORK. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE APPLICANT BE  
18 INSTRUCTED TO INCORPORATE THESE CHANGES INTO A REVISED  
19 TENTATIVE MAP, SUBMIT THE REVISED MAP TO THE COUNTY  
20 SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW AND CLEARANCE, DIRECT  
21 STAFF TO PREPARE ANY ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT  
22 DOCUMENTATION, MAKE THE MAP AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
23 FOR REVIEW, AND ACCEPT SUBMISSION OF ANY ADDITIONAL  
24 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMENTS FOR A PERIOD THAT ENDS TWO WEEKS



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1 FOLLOWING THE FINAL CLEARANCE BY THE SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE.

2 AND THAT'S MY MOTION.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME TO ASK A QUESTION. ON THE ISSUE OF  
5 RETAINING WALLS, DOES THAT HINDER ANY PROTECTIONS AGAINST  
6 LANDSLIDES?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE ONLY WAY YOU WOULD...

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T KNOW. I'M JUST ASKING THE QUESTION.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO. THE ANSWER IS NO.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. SO THE RETAINING WALLS AREN'T NEEDED TO  
15 PROTECT A NEIGHBOR FROM A LANDSLIDE...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IF WE ELIMINATE THE RETAINING  
18 WALLS, IT WILL BE BECAUSE YOU DON'T NEED THEM FOR PROTECTION.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S BASED ON SAFETY, THEN.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY. THAT WILL TRUMP  
23 EVERYTHING. WE THINK THAT CAN BE DONE. I MEAN, WE THINK  
24 THERE'S A SHOT AT BEING ABLE TO DO THAT WITHOUT ANY JEOPARDY  
25 TO SAFETY. WE CERTAINLY WANTED TO LOOK AT IT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE REASON I ASK THAT QUESTION IS BECAUSE OF  
3 THE PROBLEMS WE'VE HAD IN THE PALISADES, PALOS VERDES ESTATES  
4 WHICH IS STILL IN A STATE OF FLUX.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY. I DON'T THINK THERE'S  
7 A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION THERE. CAN I GET A SECOND FOR THE  
8 MOTION? MISS BURKE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION? IT WILL BE  
9 UNANIMOUS VOTE. I HAVE DELIBERATELY NOT ZEROED IN ON THE  
10 NUMBER OF UNITS ON THIS. THAT IS DELIBERATE. WE WILL TAKE A  
11 LOOK. IT OUGHT TO BE LOOKED AT AS IT EVOLVES. WHETHER IT'S  
12 THIS NUMBER OR THAT NUMBER IS LESS IMPORTANT THAN THAT THE  
13 OTHER PRINCIPLES OF THE PLAN ARE ADHERED TO. SO I THINK WE'VE  
14 GOT SOMETHING TO WORK WITH HERE. AND I WANT TO THANK THE  
15 PEOPLE WHO CAME HERE TO TESTIFY, NOT JUST TODAY BUT I KNOW  
16 IT'S BEEN A BURDEN ON THEM, ALSO, TO COME DOWN DOWNTOWN FOR  
17 THESE MANY HEARINGS WHEN IT WAS THE PLANNING COMMISSION. I  
18 WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE WHO PREPARED THIS ALTERNATIVE PLAN.  
19 AS I SAID EARLIER, IT'S A CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORT AND WE'LL TRY TO  
20 WORK WITH YOU AND THE PROPERTY OWNER TO SYNTHESIZE THEM AND  
21 MAKE AN ACCEPTABLE PROJECT. THIS-- ONE THING IS CLEAR. THE  
22 NORTH AREA PLAN DOES ALLOW FOR DEVELOPMENT ON THIS PROPERTY.  
23 AND THAT'S THE OVERRIDING-- NOT THE OVERRIDING BUT IT'S THE  
24 THING THAT'S STARING US IN THE FACE. ALL OF US WOULD PREFER TO  
25 LEAVE IT THE WAY IT IS. THAT'S NOT WHAT THE PLAN CALLS FOR AND





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1 IT'S NOT WHAT THE ZONING CALLS FOR BUT WE'LL TRY TO MAKE IT AS  
2 COMPATIBLE AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.  
3 UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THAT. [ APPLAUSE ] NEXT ITEM. THAT TAKES  
4 CARE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, CORRECT?

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT'S NEXT, ITEM 6? WE START WITH  
9 MISS BURKE.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
14 MEMORY OF TERRY L. BAKER, ALSO KNOWN AS COACH BAKER, A LONG  
15 TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF  
16 THE COMMUNITY WHO PROVIDED A SPORTS OUTLET FOR AT RISK YOUTH  
17 AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO GANGS. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY  
18 HIS WIFE, JILL, HIS SON, TERRY BAKER II, DAUGHTERS, FELICIA  
19 AND MATILDA BAKER AND MOTHER MATILDA FAIR. AND JUNIOR FLORES.  
20 I DON'T KNOW IF SOMEONE ELSE IS MAKING THAT MOTION. THE  
21 BROTHER OF YOLIE FLORES AGUILAR, CEO OF CHILDREN'S PLANNING  
22 COUNCIL, PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. ARE YOU MAKING THAT?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAD IT, AS WELL, BUT...

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. WELL, I'LL-- HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY  
2   HIS PARENTS AND SIBLINGS. KINZY RUGLEY, A LONG TIME RESIDENT  
3   OF THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR OVER 60 YEARS WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
4   MARCH 18TH. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS CHILDREN,  
5   CEDRIC, CHRISTOPHER AND DENISE. HIS SISTERS, I. V. HAMILTON,  
6   LEE WASHINGTON, JOYCE RUGLEY, GLENDA RUGLEY, OLA FAYE RUGLEY  
7   AND BESSIE RUGLEY; HIS BROTHERS, EDDIE AND JIM AND STEPMOTHER,  
8   ELIZA RUGLEY. AND ISABEL JIMMY JIMENEZ, MILITARY VETERAN AND  
9   LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WHO PASSED  
10   AWAY MARCH 18TH AND THE AGE OF 80. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS  
11   MEMORY HIS WIFE, ONE SON AND THREE DAUGHTERS. JEAN MCGARRY,  
12   WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND  
13   DISTRICT. SHE LEAVES HER HUSBAND, JAMES, AND HER CHILDREN,  
14   MICHAEL, JAMES AND MATTHEW TO CHERISH HER MEMORY. BEATRICE  
15   SMITH-HALLIBURTON, WHO FONDLY KNOWN AS MOTHER SMITH, PASSED  
16   AWAY TODAY. SHE WAS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND  
17   DISTRICT. SHE REPRESENTED THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND REC FOR  
18   42 YEARS, UNTIL HER RETIREMENT IN OCTOBER 2005. SHE WAS IN  
19   CHARGE OF THE DAYCARE CENTER AT MONA PARK. SHE WILL BE SORELY  
20   MISSED. SHE REALLY MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE PARK. AND  
21   BABY HARRIS, THIS TODDLER WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED IN A DRIVE-BY  
22   IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES ON SUNDAY NIGHT WHILE HER MOTHER DROVE A  
23   FAMILY FRIEND HOME AFTER A FAMILY BARBECUE IN THE HIGH DESSERT  
24   CITY OF VICTORVILLE. THE CHILD WAS IN HER CAR SEAT AND ALSO A



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1 FOUR-YEAR OLD WHEN A CAR PULLED UP AND FIRED 10 SHOTS TOWARD  
2 THE CAR. ANOTHER INNOCENT VICTIM OF GANG VIOLENCE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE. BEFORE YOU DO  
5 ANYTHING ELSE, COULD I INTERJECT FOR A SECOND? LARRY HAFITS,  
6 COME ON UP HERE A SECOND. IT CAME TO MY ATTENTION LATE LAST  
7 WEEK THAT LARRY HAFITS, OUR DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE COUNTY  
8 COUNSEL STAFF, IS MOVING OUT OF TOWN. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO  
9 INDIANAPOLIS? MAN, I TELL YOU. BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PLAN A?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PLAN A. I DON'T THINK HE'S OLD  
14 ENOUGH TO BE PLAN A.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** I DON'T THINK SO.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO DO  
19 A PROCLAMATION FOR YOU. WE WILL DO THAT. BUT I WANTED TO THANK  
20 YOU AND I KNOW ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS FOR YOUR DEDICATED  
21 SERVICE. WE WORKED CLOSELY WITH YOU ON A WHOLE BUNCH OF ISSUES  
22 OVER THE 12 YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN HERE. AND I KNOW OTHERS HAVE,  
23 TOO. YOU ARE A FIGHTER. YOU'RE WILLING TO TAKE CHANCES. WAS IT  
24 THE SUPREME COURT OR THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT THAT YOU--? I  
25 THINK YOU WENT TO THE SUPREME COURT ON ONE OF OUR CASES AND



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1 CUT HIS TEETH THERE AT THAT LEVEL AND WON FOR THE COUNTY AND  
2 YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT LAWYER TO WORK WITH. AND SO WE WANT TO  
3 WISH YOU WELL, ALTHOUGH YOUR JUDGMENT MOVING TO INDIANAPOLIS--  
4 I'M SURE I'LL HEAR FROM MY INDIANA CONSTITUENTS ON THIS. BUT  
5 I'VE BEEN TO INDIANAPOLIS. AND, ASIDE FROM GETTING BEATEN BY  
6 FLORIDA THAT WEEKEND, IT WAS-- ENJOY YOUR STAY IN  
7 INDIANAPOLIS. YOU'LL BE WELCOME BACK AS SOON AS YOU COME BACK.

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9 **LARRY HAFITS:** THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11 **LARRY HAFITS:** THANKS VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS. SUPERVISORS, IT'S  
12 BEEN A GREAT CAREER HERE. I'VE WORKED WITH ALL OF YOUR OFFICES  
13 VERY CLOSELY ON A LOT OF ISSUES AND IT'S BEEN REMARKABLE AND A  
14 TRUE HONOR TO WORK ON BEHALF OF YOUR BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENTS  
15 OF THIS COUNTY. I THINK-- I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT I COULD MATCH  
16 THIS PART OF MY CAREER IN THE NEXT STEP BECAUSE THIS HAS BEEN  
17 A TREMENDOUS RIDE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK MR. FORTNER AND MY  
18 OFFICE AND ALL THE PEOPLE, THE LAWYERS THAT I WORK WITH, IT'S  
19 A TREMENDOUS GROUP OF LAWYERS AND I COULDN'T ENJOY IT MORE.  
20 IT'S INCREDIBLY COLLEGIAL. THEY'RE VERY HARD WORKING, THEY'RE  
21 DILIGENT. THE PEOPLE THAT WE WORK WITH, THE ISSUES THAT WE  
22 GRAPPLE WITH ARE SO IMPORTANT AND SO INTERESTING AND SO  
23 IMPORTANT TO YOUR BOARD AND WE ALL VERY MUCH ENJOY IT. AND I  
24 THANK MR. FORTNER AND THE REST OF MY COLLEAGUES IN THE COUNTY  
25 COUNSEL'S OFFICE. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT HE'S MOVING TO INDIANAPOLIS,  
3 ANYWAY. GO AHEAD.

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I DID THE ADJOURNMENT BUT NOW I WOULD LIKE  
6 TO MOVE THAT WE HAVE A REWARD ISSUED FOR INFORMATION LEADING  
7 TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE PERSON THAT SHOT THIS 18-  
8 MONTH OLD CHILD. IT'S HEINOUS CRIME. AND, UNDER ITEM NUMBER 28  
9 ON OUR AGENDA, I MOVE THAT WE APPROVE AN OFFER OF A \$25,000  
10 REWARD IN RETURN FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND  
11 CONVICTION OF THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HEINOUS AND  
12 SENSELESS MURDER OF A 18-MONTH OLD, CHRISTIAN AUGUSTINE AND  
13 THE WOUNDING OF MR. HOLLIS ROBERTS.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION--  
16 I'LL SECOND THAT WITHOUT OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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18 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. ITEM 25.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 25. ALL RIGHT. LOLA UNGAR,  
21 THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM. DR.  
22 CLAVREUL, PETER BAXTER, CELES KING. TWO MINUTES? YES. WHO IS  
23 LOLA UNGAR? ARE YOU? YOU'RE FIRST.

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1   **LOLA UNGAR:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY  
2   HELLO TODAY AND LET YOU KNOW THAT ALMOST 2,000 MEMBERS OF THE  
3   LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BELIEVE AND  
4   SUPPORT AN APPOINTED CHIEF EXECUTIVE WITH CHARTER STATUS. THE  
5   LEAGUE DOES NOT SUPPORT AN ELECTED CEO AND THIS POSITION IS  
6   BASED ON THE CONSENSUS OF OUR MEMBERS. IT WAS REACHED IN 2004,  
7   FOLLOWING A TWO-YEAR STUDY OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED BY OUR  
8   TRUSTEES IN 13 LOCAL LEAGUES. AND, ACTUALLY, THOSE 13 LOCAL  
9   LEAGUES HAVE-- SOME OF THEM HAVE UNITS AND ARE SEPARATED INTO  
10   DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE COUNTY. SO THAT, LIKE, THE LOS ANGELES  
11   COUNTY HAS 6 TO 8 LEAGUES-- UNITS IN THEIR LEAGUE. SO THAT  
12   THIS MAKES UP A LARGE AREA OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS. AND WE  
13   COMMEND YOU IN THE STEPS THAT YOU TAKE TODAY AND WE WILL  
14   SUPPORT YOU IN THE CAMPAIGN FOR THAT INITIATIVE. THANK YOU  
15   VERY MUCH.

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17   **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. UNGER. MR. BAXTER?

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19   **PETER BAXTER:** MADAME CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE  
20   BOARD, MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER  
21   BAXTER AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
22   THAT THIS AMENDED PROPOSED ORDINANCE EXEMPTS THE FIRE  
23   DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS-- EXEMPTS THESE TWO DEPARTMENTS  
24   FROM SCRUTINY BY THE NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. PUBLIC WORKS  
25   IS SUBJECT TO SCRUTINY BY CIVIL ENGINEERS AND BY THE COURTS



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1 THROUGH THE PROPERTY OWNERS. EXEMPTING PUBLIC WORKS MAY WELL  
2 BE A PRUDENT MOVE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS NIGHT AS TO DAY IN  
3 COMPARISON WITH PUBLIC WORKS. THE DISASTER OF 9/11 REMAINS AN  
4 EVER PRESENT THREAT. NO ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF FIREFIGHTING HAS  
5 BEEN PUBLICLY DISCUSSED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ANY SUCH  
6 DISCUSSION HAS BEEN DECLINED BY THE FIRE CHIEF AT THIS  
7 PARTICULAR MICROPHONE, ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
8 AND I THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIRMAN. MADAME CHAIRPERSON.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. DR.  
11 CLAVREUL. IS CELES KING HERE?

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** HE LEFT.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALEX ROGIC? ROBERT THOMAS, ARE YOU  
16 HERE? AND GRACE ANDRUS? DR. CLAVREUL, GO AHEAD.

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18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF  
19 SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM CONCERNED OF CERTAIN  
20 WORDING IN THAT ORDINANCE; SPECIFICALLY, THE POINT OF  
21 NONINTRUSION CLAUSE APPLICABLE TO INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS AND  
22 THEIR DEPUTIES. I THINK THAT'S CONCERNING. I ALSO AM CONCERNED  
23 THAT THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE CEO LAST WEEK THAT ONE OF THE  
24 REASONS THIS ORDINANCE IS BEING PUSHED WITH SUCH STRENGTH IS  
25 TO REMOVE THE CEO TO BE SUBJECTED TO THE BROWN ACT AND I





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1 REVIEWED THE TAPE A COUPLE OF TIMES AND THAT WAS OF GREAT  
2 CONCERN TO ME AND I WANT TO COMPLIMENT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
3 TO BE THE ONE WHO REALLY FOUGHT FOR THE TRANSPARENCY OF  
4 GOVERNMENT. AND SO HE WAS THE ONLY ONE OF THIS GROUP WHO STOOD  
5 FOR THE PUBLIC AND TO THE FREEDOM OF ACCESS OF INFORMATION AND  
6 TO THE POSSIBILITY TO REVIEW. SO MANY THINGS IN THIS BOARD ARE  
7 DONE UNDER CLOSED, YOU KNOW, SECRECY AND SO WE CAN FIND  
8 NOTHING ABOUT. I THINK, TOO, THIS ORDINANCE IS NOT GOING TO DO  
9 ANYTHING, YOU KNOW, BETTER FOR THAT MATTER. AND SINCE WE HAVE  
10 SPENT SO MANY HOURS HERE, I WILL SPEAK TO ITEM 18 AT THE SAME  
11 TIME. AND THE MAIN REASON I WANT TO SPEAK TO ITEM 18 IS  
12 BECAUSE I STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE AUDIT ON INFORMED  
13 TECHNOLOGY-- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY THAT I REQUESTED MONTHS  
14 AGO. I'M GIVING YOU 72 HOURS TO RESPOND TO MY REQUEST. I'VE  
15 BEEN PATIENT ENOUGH. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. ROGIC?

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19 **ALEX ROGIC:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
20 THE REST OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS ALEX ROGIC AND I LIVE IN  
21 L.A. COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREA AND I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS THE  
22 CREATING A COUNTY C.A.O. WHO WOULD BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD  
23 OF SUPERVISORS. AND, IN MY OPINION, IT'S A FORMIDABLE  
24 PROPOSITION. THE C.A.O. WOULD BE ABLE TO HIRE, FIRE AND HOLD  
25 ACCOUNTABLE MOST OF THE 38 DEPARTMENT HEADS. THE PROBLEM IS



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1 THAT NO ONE CAN TELL HOW MUCH MONEY-- HOW MANY MILLIONS OF  
2 DOLLARS IT WOULD COST. THE RETIRED CEO, DAVID JANSSEN, SAID  
3 CREATING CLUSTERS OF DEPARTMENTS THAT WOULD BE OVERSEEN BY THE  
4 C.A.O., HE ADMITTED SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS OR RATHER WAS  
5 CORRECT WHEN HE SAID THAT THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE FREE  
6 PROPOSITION. THE IDEA IS TO HAVE THREE OR FOUR DEPUTY C.A.O.S  
7 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT, BUT THERE IS  
8 NO NEED TO REINVENT THE WHEEL. L.A. COUNTY ALREADY HAS, IN ITS  
9 CURRENT STRUCTURE, THE C.A.O. WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY AND  
10 OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND WHO SUPPORTS AN OPEN  
11 GOVERNMENT. IT ALLOWS THOSE ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE TO DISCUSS,  
12 IN OPEN FORUM, PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS. AND SPEAKING OF  
13 ELECTING A C.A.O., IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT VOTERS ALREADY, IN  
14 THE PAST, HAVE REJECTED THE PROPOSALS FOR ELECTED COUNTY  
15 EXECUTIVES. AND, ONCE AGAIN, IT IS CLEAR THAT NO-- THAT ONE  
16 INDIVIDUAL COULD NOT DO THIS JOB ALONE. HE WOULD HAVE TO BE  
17 HELPED BY SIX TO 10 DEPUTIES THAT WOULD COST A LOT OF MONEY,  
18 ADDING ANOTHER BUREAUCRATIC LAYER TO THE ALREADY OVERBURDENED  
19 COUNTY BUDGET AND ADDING MORE EMPLOYEES TO ALMOST 100,000  
20 PRESENTLY EMPLOYED.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. TIME'S UP.  
23 ROBERT THOMAS?

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1   **ROBERT THOMAS:** HELLO. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO COME HERE,  
2   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE UNINCORPORATED  
3   AREA AND I LOOK AT YOU GUYS AS MY ELECTED OFFICIALS, AS OUR  
4   CITY COUNCIL. AND, IN THAT LIGHT, I DON'T WANT YOU TO CREATE A  
5   BUFFER ZONE BETWEEN ME AND MY CITY COUNCIL. I WANT-- YOU GUYS  
6   ARE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THIS PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR IS NOT  
7   AN ELECTED OFFICIAL. SO I REALLY THINK THAT THAT'S VERY  
8   SIGNIFICANT THAT I BE ABLE TO COME TO YOU ON ISSUES CONCERNING  
9   THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. IN FACT, WE'VE LISTENED TO SOME OF  
10  THOSE ISSUES TODAY, AS WELL. THE OTHER THING IS THAT I  
11  APPRECIATE YOUR FIVE INDIVIDUAL VOICES AND WHAT THIS BUFFER  
12  ZONE WOULD DO WOULD CREATE ONE INDIVIDUAL VOICE FROM YOU GUYS.  
13  AND I APPRECIATE YOUR GUYS' OPINIONS AND YOU GUYS HAVE FIVE  
14  DIFFERENT IDEAS ON THINGS AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE THAT  
15  SYNERGY INSTEAD OF JUST ONE INDIVIDUAL SPEAKING AND MAKING  
16  DECISIONS. AND THEN, LASTLY, IS THAT THIS BUFFER ZONE WOULD  
17  CREATE A-- WOULD COST MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. WE DON'T KNOW HOW  
18  MUCH IT WOULD COST AND THAT'S MONEY THAT THE UNINCORPORATED  
19  AREA NEEDS. WE NEED THAT MONEY TO IMPROVE OUR AREA. I'M  
20  SURROUNDED BY CITIES, BY INCORPORATED CITIES AND THEY HAVE  
21  BETTER NEIGHBORHOODS THAN WE DO. OURS IS A NICE NEIGHBORHOOD  
22  BUT IT'S NOT AS NICE AS THEIRS. THEIR STREETS, THEY HAVE  
23  FACILITIES THAT ARE NICER THAN OURS AND I UNDERSTAND YOU GUYS  
24  ARE LIMITED IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT YOU CAN SPEND IN THE  
25  UNINCORPORATED AREA. AND SO LET'S CONCENTRATE THAT MONEY



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1 SPECIFICALLY ON THAT INSTEAD OF ON ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES.

2 THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GRACE ANDRUS?

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6 **GRACE ANDRUS:** THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
7 GRACE ANDRUS. I'M PRESIDENT OF THE CRESCENTA VALLEY TOWN  
8 COUNCIL. I WANT TO THANK YOU FIRST OF ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE TO  
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I RESPECT AND ADMIRE ALL THAT YOU DO FOR  
10 THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN ONE OF THE LARGEST AND THE  
11 MOST ECONOMICALLY STRATEGIC COMMUNITIES IN THE WORLD. THERE  
12 ARE FIVE BRIEF POINTS I'M GOING TO MAKE REGARDING THE ISSUE OF  
13 THE L.A. COUNTY C.A.O.'S NEW POWER IF RATIFIED TODAY. FIRST IS  
14 DIVERSITY. I'M SURE YOU REALIZE THAT WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF  
15 LIVING IN ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE COUNTIES IN THE WORLD. EACH  
16 OF YOU HAVE DISTRICTS THAT ARE SO DIFFERENT FROM ONE ANOTHER.  
17 I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT EACH OF YOU KNOW YOUR CONSTITUENTS  
18 AND CAN SERVE THEM SO WELL. CAN ONE INDIVIDUAL SERVE THE  
19 ENTIRE COUNTY WITH THE SAME INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE THAT EACH OF  
20 YOU HAVE OF YOUR DISTRICTS? THAT TASK WOULD BE OVERWHELMING. A  
21 CITY IS A SIMILAR AREA WITH SIMILAR RESIDENTS AND EASIER FOR A  
22 CITY MANAGER TO COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND. OUR HUGE COUNTY IS NOT  
23 SIMILAR. IT'S DIVERSE AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT SO INCREDIBLE  
24 AND UNIQUE. PLEASE CONSIDER CAREFULLY YOUR DISTRICT AND HOW  
25 DIFFERENT IT IS FROM EVERY OTHER DISTRICT. YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR



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1 DISTRICT NEEDS AND YOU NEED TO FIGHT FOR THE UNIQUE CARE THAT  
2 YOU CAN PROVIDE FOR YOUR DISTRICT. ACCOUNTABILITY. ON MARCH  
3 18TH, THE L.A. TIMES PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE CLAIMING THAT TAKING  
4 POWER AWAY FROM EACH OF YOU AND REDISTRIBUTING IT TO THE  
5 C.A.O. OF L.A. COUNTY WOULD MAKE THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT MORE  
6 ACCOUNTABLE. I DON'T SEE THE LOGIC OF THAT ASSESSMENT. MY TIME  
7 IS RUNNING SHORT. I HAVE SO MANY THINGS I WANT TO SAY TO YOU  
8 BUT I WANTED TO ADDRESS EACH OF YOU ON CERTAIN THINGS.  
9 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU HAVE SERVED YOUR DISTRICT IN INCREDIBLE  
10 WAYS, REVITALIZATION PROJECTS, GREENING PROJECTS, PARK  
11 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT CAMPAIGNS.  
12 YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB. SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOU'RE A LEADER OF  
13 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND YOUR WORK WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION  
14 AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS HAS BEEN SO  
15 VERY IMPORTANT. CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY, SORRY ABOUT THAT, YOUR  
16 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARTS IN YOUR DISTRICT HAS IMPACTED THE  
17 ENTIRE COUNTY. YOUR REPUTATION A FISCAL WATCHDOG OF THE COUNTY  
18 WOULD CERTAINLY MAKE ME BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD NOT VOTE ON  
19 THIS WITHOUT, AT MINIMUM, SOME TYPE OF BUDGET BEING PRESENTED.  
20 I'M SORRY THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE IS NOT HERE BUT HE HAS A VERY  
21 IMPORTANT DISTRICT WITH LAX AND THE PORTS AND WITH HIS  
22 PROJECTS AND WITH ALL OF YOUR PROJECTS, YOU KNOW HOW MUCH  
23 MONEY IT TAKES. BY ADDING ANOTHER LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY TO WHAT  
24 YOU ARE ALREADY DOING WOULD ONLY TAKE MONEY AWAY FROM THESE  
25 PROJECTS. AND, LASTLY, YOU HAVE RESPONSIBILITY. I CAN'T GO



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1 THROUGH ALL MY FIVE POINTS BUT YOU HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO YOUR  
2 VOTERS. AND HAVING A PERSON THAT'S AN INDIVIDUAL THAT IS NOT  
3 ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE DO THE JOB THAT YOU'RE ALREADY DOING IS  
4 UNACCEPTABLE. THE L.A. TIMES TRIED TO HARASS YOU INTO DOING  
5 SOMETHING, INTO MAKING THIS DECISION SAYING THAT-- THAT IT  
6 WOULDN'T-- SORRY, I LOST MY PLACE HERE. BUT BASICALLY THAT  
7 YOU-- HERE IT IS. THAT YOUR SPIRITS MAY BE WILLING BUT THEIR  
8 POLITICAL FLESH IS WEAK. THEY KNOW THEY WILL BE GIVING UP A  
9 MEASURE OF CONTROL AND THAT'S A MOVE THAT RUNS COUNTER TO  
10 EVERY BONE IN EVERY POLITICIAN'S BODY. BUT I'M ASKING YOU  
11 TODAY TO CONSIDER YOUR JOB. YOU'RE ELECTED TO REPRESENT THE  
12 PEOPLE. DON'T PASS THE BUCK. I KNOW MY TIME IS UP AND I THANK  
13 YOU SO MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE WELCOME. THANK YOU, MS.  
16 ANDRUS. ALL RIGHT, ANY BOARD DISCUSSION? MR. ANTONOVICH?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL, I WOULD ASSUME THE  
19 QUESTION THAT WE RAISED-- I RAISED LAST WEEK, SPECIAL  
20 DISTRICTS ARE CREATED BY STATE LAW. DOES THE BOARD OF  
21 SUPERVISORS HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER THAT  
22 AUTHORITY TO A NONELECTED PERSON?

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24 **RICHARD WEISS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I THINK I  
25 INDICATED LAST WEEK THAT IT WOULD DEPEND ON THE NATURE AND



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1   FORMATION OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT AND WHETHER IT INVOLVED SOME  
2   DUTIES THAT, EITHER BY STATUTE OR TRANSFERABLE OR WAS THE TYPE  
3   OF DIRECT THAT THAT COULD BE-- DONE. IT'S-- THERE WILL BE  
4   CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE IT CANNOT BE DONE BUT IT WOULD DEPEND ON  
5   THE AUTHORIZATION.

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. THERE ARE POSITIONS WHERE IT MAY NOT BE  
8   DONE, YOU CAN'T BE A LITTLE BIT PREGNANT. THE QUESTION IS, IN  
9   PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND RECREATION, AMONG OTHERS, DOES THE  
10   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER THAT  
11   VIA THE PROPOSAL BEFORE US TODAY TO A NONELECTED PERSON?

12

13   **RICHARD WEISS:** THE MATTERS THAT ARE TRANSFERRED IN THE  
14   ORDINANCE THAT IS BEFORE YOU WE BELIEVE WOULD BE TRANSFERABLE  
15   IN THE CASE OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS THAT ARE GOVERNED BY THE  
16   BOARD.

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18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THERE ARE AREAS WHERE IT MAY NOT BE?

19

20   **RICHARD WEISS:** WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU'RE NOT AWARE. SO SPECIAL DISTRICTS DO NOT  
23   HAVE ANY LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES BY THE ELECTED BODY? THEY CAN  
24   BE TRANSFERRED TO A NONELECTED PERSON? AND THE REASON I ASK  
25   THAT QUESTION, WE'RE ALSO TALKING ABOUT THE SELECTION OF-- AND





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1 INTERVIEWING, THE INTERVIEWING PROCESS TO BE DONE BY ONE  
2 INDIVIDUAL, NOT BY THE GOVERNING BOARD. AND THE GOVERNING  
3 BOARD IS ONLY IN THE POSITION TO RATIFY OR REJECT THE ONE  
4 NOMINEE THAT IS GIVEN TO THEM SO THEY'RE NOT PART OF THE  
5 PROCESS AND YET THEY ARE PART OF THE PROCESS FOR SPECIAL, THE  
6 GOVERNING OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS.

7

8 **RICHARD WEISS:** WELL, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, JUST AS THE BOARD  
9 ALTERNATELY GOVERNS THE COUNTY, IT GOVERNS THE SPECIAL  
10 DISTRICTS IN THE SAME WAY AND WE CONCLUDE THAT IT IS WITHIN  
11 THE BOARD'S POWER TO DELEGATE THE INTERVIEW PROCESS AND THAT  
12 SORT OF THING AND, THROUGH THIS ORDINANCE, THE ULTIMATE  
13 APPOINTING POWER REMAINS WITH THE BOARD. AND IT WOULD TAKE AN  
14 AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY CHARTER TO MOVE THAT DEPARTMENT HEAD  
15 APPOINTMENT POWER TO THE C.A.O. OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IT CAN OVERRIDE A STATE STATUTE, THE  
18 COUNTY CHARTER?

19

20 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, ALTHOUGH WE DON'T SEE THAT THERE ARE  
21 CONFLICTS IN THE STATE LAW WITH WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING TO DO.  
22 THE CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZES THE CHARTER TO MAINTAIN THESE  
23 POSITIONS.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE COUNTY ORDINANCE CAN ALSO OVERRIDE A  
2   STATE STATUTE?

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4   **RICHARD WEISS:** IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES IT CAN. A COUNTY  
5   ORDINANCE OFTEN HAS THE SAME EFFECT AS STATE LAW.

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO WE HAVE A WRITTEN OPINION ON THAT THAT YOU  
8   COULD GIVE THE BOARD?

9

10   **RICHARD WEISS:** WE CAN. IT WOULD, BY NECESSITY, HAVE TO BE  
11   GENERAL IN NATURE BUT WE CAN HE ENUNCIATE THE PRINCIPLES TO  
12   YOU, CERTAINLY. YES.

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I UNDERSTAND. I WOULD LIKE THAT. MR. JANSSEN,  
15   HOW DOES THE CURRENT COUNTY POLICY WHICH GIVES THE C.A.O.  
16   AUTHORITY TO SUPERVISE AND CONTROL THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY  
17   AND TO COORDINATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF DEPARTMENT SERVICES  
18   AND INSTITUTION, HOW DOES THE PROPOSED-- PROPOSAL BEFORE US  
19   TODAY, WHY IS THAT NEEDED WHEN YOU HAVE SUCH AUTHORITY IN  
20   THOSE SECTIONS EXCLUDING THE HIRING-- THE INTERVIEWING OF  
21   DEPARTMENT HEADS?

22

23   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** COULD YOU REPEAT THAT LAST POINT AGAIN?

24

25   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE CURRENT SECTION 208.050 AND 208...



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. THE SUPERVISION, RIGHT.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DOES THE CURRENT AUTHORITY THAT YOU HAVE,  
5 WHY IS THAT CURRENT AUTHORITY-- WHY DOES THAT HAVE TO BE  
6 REPLACED WITH THE PROPOSAL THAT'S BEFORE US TODAY?

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** LET ME ANSWER THAT BUT LET ME RESPOND TO THE  
9 COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE BEFORE ABOUT THE BOARD BEING A CITY  
10 COUNCIL FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. I THINK I'VE SAID THIS  
11 BEFORE, AS WELL. I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY CITY COUNCIL WHERE THE  
12 CITY COUNCIL IS BOTH THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BODY. EVERY  
13 PERSON THAT LIVES IN A CITY IN CALIFORNIA LIVES WITH A DIVIDED  
14 RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AND THE ADMINISTRATOR.  
15 EITHER YOU HAVE AN ELECTED MAYOR OR YOU HAVE A STRONG CITY  
16 MANAGER AND IT APPEARS TO WORK VERY WELL. THIS IS NO DIFFERENT  
17 THAN THAT FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. NO ONE IS BEING CUT OUT  
18 OF THE PROCESS. EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT, A DIRECT ACCESS TO THEIR  
19 ELECTED OFFICIALS. THAT IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE. AS I SAID  
20 BEFORE, THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IS THE ABILITY TO HIRE AND  
21 FIRE AND THAT ADDRESSES THE ISSUE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND  
22 ACCOUNTABILITY ADDRESSES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVED RESULTS,  
23 BETTER OUTCOMES IN COUNTY PROGRAMS. THAT'S AS SIMPLE AS THE  
24 WAY I SEE IT. WE HAVE, AS I INDICATED BEFORE, I THINK, ALL OF  
25 US HAVE DONE A VERY GOOD JOB IN THE LAST TEN YEARS OF



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1 OPERATING, MANAGING THE COUNTY. I THINK WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB  
2 AND THIS ORDINANCE WILL LEAD TO THAT PROBABILITY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT HOW DOES THE CURRENT ORDINANCE PREVENT  
5 YOU FROM THE, AS I WOULD QUOTE, "THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY,"  
6 I'M QUOTING, "TO COORDINATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALL  
7 DEPARTMENT SERVICES AND INSTITUTIONS"?

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SUPERVISOR, UNLESS YOU, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER,  
10 UNLESS YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO HIRE AND FIRE INDIVIDUALS, YOU  
11 DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO GIVE THEM DIRECTION. THE  
12 DIRECTION STILL COMES FROM THE FIVE BOARD MEMBERS. IT'S JUST  
13 THE WAY IT IS. YOU NEED THAT AUTHORITY. AND THIS DOES NOT GIVE  
14 IT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND, UNDER THE CURRENT SYSTEM, WHEN WERE YOU  
17 OVERRULED ON A MAJORITY OR FOUR FIFTHS OR MAJORITY VOTE THAT  
18 YOU WERE DENIED THE ABILITY TO FIRE AN EMPLOYEE?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DO NOT THINK THAT IS THE ISSUE AND...

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S NEVER HAPPENED.

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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ...IT DOESN'T ADDRESS THE FACT THAT YOU CANNOT  
2 HOLD ANYONE ACCOUNTABLE UNLESS YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO HIRE  
3 AND FIRE THEM. IT JUST IS A FACT.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN HAS THE BOARD EVER APPOINTED A  
6 DEPARTMENT HEAD THAT YOU OBJECTED TO BEING APPOINTED TO THAT  
7 POSITION?

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9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I CAN THINK OF ONE OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD BUT  
10 I DON'T THINK THIS IS THE PLACE TO HAVE THAT DISCUSSION.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT ONE STILL HERE?

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14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I CAN COUNT A NUMBER THAT YOU HELPED  
17 RECOMMEND THAT ARE NOT HERE...

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19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ABSOLUTELY.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN GONE A LONG TIME  
22 AGO.

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24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THERE ARE 31 DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT WE HAVE  
25 SEEN COME AND GO IN THE LAST 10 YEARS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU INDICATE THERE WAS ONE, YOU BELIEVE,  
3 THAT THE 99 PERCENT OF THE TIMES WHEN THAT DIDN'T OCCUR, THAT  
4 WE NEED TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM TODAY BECAUSE OF THAT ONE TIME?

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6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE-- I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT ADDRESSES THE  
7 ISSUE OF ACCOUNTABILITY, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THE ONLY WAY YOU  
8 CAN HOLD AN INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTABLE FOR RESULTS IN  
9 ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAMS OF THE COUNTY IS IF THEY HAVE THE  
10 ABILITY, DIRECT AUTHORITY, TO HIRE AND FIRE THE DEPARTMENT  
11 HEAD.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LAST YEAR, WE LEARNED ABOUT SOME MANAGEMENT  
14 ISSUES IN THE CORONER'S DEPARTMENT, WHICH INCLUDED THE LACK OF  
15 CONTRACTS FOR CREMATIONS, THE INADEQUATE CRYPT CAPACITY AND  
16 THE LACK OF CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR MANAGING AN INCREASED  
17 CASELOAD. IN ONE INSTANCE, THE CORONER HAD ISSUED A MEMO TO  
18 THE C.A.O. MAKING HIM AWARE OF THESE ISSUES BUT IT WASN'T  
19 UNTIL I SUMMONED THE CORONER TO APPEAR BEFORE THIS BOARD OF  
20 SUPERVISORS AND SUBSEQUENTLY DIRECTED THE C.A.O. TO WORK WITH  
21 THE CORONER TO ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS THAT THEY WERE FINALLY  
22 RESOLVED. NOW, IF THE C.A.O. DID NOT TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE  
23 WHEN THERE WAS-- DIDN'T HAVE ANY ABILITIES OR WHEN HE HAD THE  
24 ABILITY AND WAS NOT BEING PREVENTED FROM DOING THOSE



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1 RESPONSIBILITIES, WHY WOULD WE EXPECT A DIFFERENT CHANGE IN  
2 THAT CASE WITH THIS ORDINANCE?

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4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, I THINK THAT'S THE WHOLE CHANGE YOU'RE  
5 TALKING ABOUT, SUPERVISOR. THE CORONER DOES NOT WORK FOR ME.  
6 THE CORONER WORKS FOR YOU. THE CORONER WORKS FOR YOU.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT IS TRUE. AND WE DIRECTED YOU TO OVERSEE  
9 THAT AND YOU DID NOT...

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11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND THE CHANGE IN THE CHARTER, THE CHANGE IN  
12 THE ORDINANCE IS GOING TO FACTUALLY CHANGE THAT SITUATION.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT, WHEN THE CORONER HAD ISSUED A MEMO TO  
15 YOU, THE C.A.O., WHO HAS THE BUDGET, MAKING HIM AWARE OF THOSE  
16 ISSUES, NOTHING WAS DONE. AND IT WASN'T UNTIL THE BOARD GOT  
17 INVOLVED THAT IT WAS RESOLVED. THE SYSTEM THAT YOU'RE  
18 ADVOCATING NOW IS YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RESOLVE THAT  
19 ISSUE, BUT YOU DIDN'T RESOLVE IT WHEN YOU HAD THE AUTHORITY.  
20 SO WHY DO WE NOW BELIEVE YOU WILL HAVE THE AUTHORITY?

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, I DIDN'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY. I DIDN'T  
23 HAVE THE AUTHORITY SO THERE WAS NO PRACTICAL WAY TO RESOLVE  
24 THAT ISSUE. AND YOU NEED TO MULTIPLY THAT BY 37 DEPARTMENTS,  
25 100,000 EMPLOYEES TO HAVE IT A MEANINGFUL COMMENT. PICKING OUT





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1 AN ISOLATED INCIDENT DOESN'T REALLY, I THINK, SUPPORT THE  
2 ARGUMENT THAT YOU'RE MAKING.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO. I THINK IT MAKES THE ARGUMENT VERY WELL  
5 BECAUSE THE C.A.O. WAS INFORMED OF THIS DEFICIENCY BY THE  
6 CORONER AND FAILED TO TAKE ACTION OR FAILED TO ADDRESS THE  
7 GOVERNING BOARD TO TAKE ACTION. AND IT WASN'T UNTIL A MEMBER  
8 OF THE GOVERNING BOARD BROUGHT THE CORONER BEFORE THIS BODY  
9 THAT THE ISSUE WAS RESOLVED. THAT'S THE POINT I'M TRYING TO  
10 MAKE. THE NONINTRUSION CLAUSE STATES THAT ANY MEMBER OF THE  
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOR ANY DEPUTY OR ASSISTANT OF THE BOARD  
12 SHALL GIVE ORDERS OR TO INSTRUCT ANY COUNTY OFFICER OR  
13 EMPLOYEE BUT MAY SEEK INFORMATION OR SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM  
14 THOSE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. NOW, IF A MEMBER HAD BEEN  
15 NOTIFIED ABOUT THE DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS AT THE SEVENTH STREET  
16 PRODUCE MARKET AND CALLED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSTRUCTING  
17 THEM TO GO OUT AND RE-INSPECT, WE ALL KNOW WHAT WOULD HAVE  
18 HAPPENED. WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED? THEY WOULD HAVE COME BACK  
19 AND SAID, "YEAH HERE'S THE RECORD. WE'VE BEEN DOING THE  
20 INSPECTIONS AND EVERYTHING IS WELL" WHEN, IN FACT, IT WAS NOT  
21 THE CASE. THE INSPECTORS HAD TURNED A BLIND EYE TO THOSE  
22 HEALTH CODE VIOLATIONS AND THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A VIOLATION OF  
23 THE ORDINANCE HAD WE DIRECTED THEM TO GO OUT AND DO THAT  
24 NECESSARY INSPECTION. TODAY, AS A RESULT OF THAT ACTION, THAT  
25 PRODUCE MARKET IS NOW MEETING COUNTY CODE AND A NUMBER OF



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1 THOSE VENDORS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO GIVE UP THEIR BUSINESS. SO  
2 THE GENERAL PUBLIC CALLS BOARD OFFICES, NOT THE C.A.O., WITH  
3 TIME SENSITIVE CONCERNS AND PROBLEMS. WE HAD CASES, AGAIN, HAD  
4 WE NOT GOTTEN INVOLVED BECAUSE OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE  
5 C.A.O., THE CORONER WAS GOING TO BE DENIED THE OPPORTUNITY OF  
6 REMOVING THE REMAINS FROM A FATALITY, LET'S SAY, ON THE 14 OR  
7 THE 138 BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE DECISIONS THAT WERE BEING  
8 IMPLEMENTED BY THE C.A.O. WE CHANGED THAT POLICY SO THAT WE  
9 KEPT A PROGRAM IN PLACE WHERE CORONERS COULD RESPOND TO SUCH  
10 FATALITIES IN A TIMELY MANNER. AND THAT'S ANOTHER EXAMPLE  
11 WHERE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GOT INVOLVED AND MADE A DIRECT-  
12 - TOOK DIRECT ACTIONS WHICH ENSURED NOT ONLY PUBLIC SAFETY BUT  
13 ALSO SENSITIVITY TO THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES. AND,  
14 AGAIN, I DON'T SEE REMOVING THE BOARD FROM THE PROCESS IN  
15 THOSE SENSITIVE AREAS IMPROVES THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS  
16 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND THAT'S-- THOSE ARE A COUPLE OF THE  
17 CONCERNS THAT WE'VE HAD. WE'VE HAD OTHER AREAS RELATIVE TO,  
18 LET'S TAKE-- WE HAD A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE. WE HAD TO DIRECT  
19 THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR TO GO OUT TO LA CRESCENTA VALLEY  
20 WHEN THERE WAS A IMMINENT DANGER TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND WE  
21 HELD PUBLIC HEARINGS. THOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE VERY WELL  
22 COVERED BY THE MEDIA. BUT, AGAIN, THIS IS A DIRECT ACTION WHEN  
23 THE BOARD GOT INVOLVED AND MADE THOSE TYPES OF DIRECTIONS. AND  
24 ALL OF YOU WILL HAVE PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER TYPES OF ISSUES  
25 THAT WILL CONCERN YOUR CONSTITUENCY AND I KNOW THERE ARE MANY



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1 TIMES, BECAUSE OF RELIGIOUS FAITH, THOSE IN THE JEWISH AND  
2 MUSLIM FAITHS, WHEN THERE IS A DEATH, THEY HAVE A BURIAL  
3 WITHIN 24 HOURS. AND THERE ARE MANY TIMES WHEN MY OFFICE HAS  
4 HAD TO CALL THE CORONER TO ENSURE THAT THOSE BURIALS WOULD BE  
5 ABLE TO CONFORM TO THE RITES OF THOSE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.  
6 AND, AGAIN, NOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IS IS HAVE THIS-- THE--  
7 WHEN A DEATH OCCURS, THE RABBI CALLS, THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE  
8 TO GO THROUGH THE C.A.O. BEFORE WE GO TO THE CORONER'S OFFICE.  
9 AND, AGAIN, THOSE ARE TIME-SENSITIVE MATTERS AND THIS  
10 ORDINANCE THAT'S BEING PROPOSED IS GOING TO HANDICAP BOARD  
11 DEPUTIES, REPRESENTING THEIR INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS, FROM TAKING  
12 THE NECESSARY ACTION AT THAT TIME TO RESOLVE IT. NOW THEY'RE  
13 GOING TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH ANOTHER LAYER. THEY'RE GOING TO  
14 HAVE TO CLIMB ANOTHER WALL. THE EFFICIENCY OF THIS COUNTY,  
15 UNLIKE THE MOST DEPLORABLE DYSFUNCTIONAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES  
16 ACROSS THE STREET HERE, L.A. CITY HALL, WHERE THEY CAN'T--  
17 THEY HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME MEETING AND MAKING DECISIONS, WE  
18 HAVE BEEN ABLE, THROUGH OUR STAFFS AND I WOULD SAY THE  
19 SUPERVISOR'S STAFF, HAVE BEEN A CUT ABOVE. THEY ARE  
20 CONSTITUENT ORIENTED AND THEY GO OUT AND THEY SERVE AND  
21 REPRESENT. THAT IS NOW GOING TO BE HANDICAPPED BY AN ORDINANCE  
22 THAT IS SAYING THAT YOU CAN'T BE INTRUDING. AND, TO ME,  
23 HELPING IS NOT INTRUDING. ASSISTING IS NOT INTRUDING.  
24 PARTICIPATING IS NOT INTRUSION. AND THEN YOU PUT UP THIS  
25 BARRIER OF THIS NEW EXECUTIVE, NONELECTED, WILL NOT BE COVERED



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1 BY THE BROWN ACT. I THOUGHT WE WANTED OPENNESS, WE WANTED MORE  
2 DISCUSSION WE HAVE OPENNESS WITH OUR DEPUTIES WHEN THEY MEET.  
3 THAT'S A PRODUCTIVE OUTCOME OF OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT. NOW  
4 WE'RE DOING THIS-- TAKING A STEP BACK AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE  
5 KEY DECISIONS WHEN THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL DECISIONS IS THE  
6 SELECTION OF DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE TO ALL OF  
7 OUR CITIZENS, BE IT INCORPORATED OR UNINCORPORATED, BEING  
8 DENIED THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS, THE PUBLIC'S ELECTED OFFICIALS  
9 FROM PARTICIPATING IN THAT PROCESS EXCEPT TO GIVE AN AYE OR A  
10 NAY, AS IF THEY ARE A HOUSE OF LORDS, INSTEAD OF BEING AN  
11 ELECTED BODY WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN THOSE DECISIONS. HAD YOU  
12 SAID, I RECOMMENDED SAID 90 PERCENT, 50 PERCENT, 40 PERCENT,  
13 30 PERCENT OF THE TIME THAT WE SHOULD HAVE FIRED SOMEBODY AND  
14 YOU DIDN'T, FINE. BUT YOU SAID THERE WAS ONE TIME AND YOU'VE  
15 BEEN HERE 10 YEARS. IF YOU WERE A PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL PLAYER  
16 AND YOU STRUCK OUT ONE TIME, YOU'D BE IN THE HALL OF FAME.  
17 THERE IS NOBODY IN HISTORY WHO HAD BEEN AS SUCCESSFUL AT BAT  
18 WHERE YOU ONLY HAD ONE ERROR IN 10 YEARS. AGAIN, YOU'D BE IN  
19 THE RECORD BOOK. BUT THAT'S NOT THE CASE. AND, AGAIN, STEPPING  
20 BACK AND LOOKING AT WHERE WE ARE TODAY, WE HAVE 1.3, 1.2, 1.5  
21 UNINCORPORATED CITIZENS-- MILLION CITIZENS LIVING IN THE  
22 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. WE ARE THEIR CITY COUNCIL, WE'RE THEIR  
23 MAYOR. WE REPRESENT THEM. WE HAVE TOWN COUNCILS WE WORK WITH  
24 AND THEY EXPECT AND DEMAND, AND THEY OUGHT TO, THAT THEY ARE  
25 ABLE TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO GO OUT AND MEET WITH



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1 THEM, NOT A JUNIOR C.A.O. A JUNIOR C.A.O. COULD GO OUT THERE  
2 BUT I DON'T SEE THE C.A.O., IN THIS NEW ALIGNMENT, HAVING  
3 FIELD OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RESPONDING  
4 TO CONSTITUENTS' CONCERNS. I DO SEE THE SUPERVISORS HAVING  
5 FIELD OFFICES RESPONDING. ARE WE GOING TO HAVE DUAL FIELD  
6 OFFICES? ARE WE GOING TO HAVE CAOS IN EACH OF OUR FIELD  
7 OFFICES? AND THE QUESTION IS, THIS IS A PROPOSAL THAT HAS NO  
8 BUDGET. WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST. WE KNOW IT  
9 WILL BE IN THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. BUT I KNOW A LOT OF PARKS  
10 WHERE THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS COULD PROVIDE LIGHTING AT NIGHT  
11 SO THE KIDS COULD PLAY IN SOCCER OR OTHER ACTIVITIES. MANY  
12 LIBRARIES COULD BE OPEN ON SUNDAYS AND THEN OTHER DAYS OF THE  
13 WEEK FOR LONGER HOURS OR SWIMMING POOLS COULD BE PUT IN FOR  
14 CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN AREAS THAT DON'T HAVE POOLS THAT THEY  
15 COULD PARTICIPATE WITH AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS. SO MANY OTHER  
16 VITAL NEEDS. EMANCIPATED FOSTER YOUTH. A LITTLE BIT OF  
17 ASSISTANCE MAYBE WOULD HAVE KEPT THEM OUT OF PROSTITUTION OR  
18 OUT OF DRUGS OR OUT OF JAIL AND MAYBE IT'D HELP THEM STAY IN  
19 SCHOOL. BUT YET WE'RE GOING TO SPEND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON  
20 THIS NEW IDEA, THIS NEW CREATION WHEN IT HAS NOT BEEN PROVEN,  
21 EXCEPT BY AN EDITORIAL ACROSS THE STREET FROM ONE NEWSPAPER,  
22 THAT PERHAPS IT'S BROKEN. IN FACT, THAT NEWSPAPER'S BROKEN.  
23 THEIR CIRCULATION IS DOWN TO THE 1980S. WE'VE HAD ABOUT THREE,  
24 FOUR, FIVE MILLION POPULATION EXPLOSION AND THEY'VE LOST  
25 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF READERS DURING THAT TIME BUT YET



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1    THEY'VE GOT THE PANACEA FOR RESOLVING THE GREAT GOVERNANCE OF  
2    THIS COUNTY WHEN THEY CAN'T EVEN DETERMINE HOW TO RUN A  
3    NEWSPAPER. SO I AGAIN SAY THAT WE ARE TAKING A STEP BACKWARDS.  
4    I WOULD RATHER HAVE CONFIDENT IN EACH OF OUR SUPERVISORS AND  
5    EACH OF THE STAFFS OF OUR SUPERVISORS IN REPRESENTING OUR  
6    PUBLIC AND MAKING THE DETERMINATIONS WITH OUR INVOLVEMENT THAN  
7    TO TURNING IT OVER TO A NONELECTED POSITION AND THEN HIRING  
8    MORE PEOPLE TO REPRESENT US WHO WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH WHEN WE  
9    TRY TO REPRESENT THE PUBLIC. SO, MR. CHAIRMAN, AGAIN, I  
10   BELIEVE THIS IS A STEP BACKWARDS. IT'S A STEP AWAY FROM OPEN  
11   GOVERNMENT AND IT'S A STEP AWAY FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

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13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? IF  
14   NOT, MISS BURKE?

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16   **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CLARIFY CERTAINLY IF I-- I DON'T SEE--  
17   I THINK THAT MR. ANTONOVICH SAYS "ASSIST". IF THERE IS SOMEONE  
18   WHO NEEDS TO HAVE A FUNERAL EARLY BECAUSE OF THEIR RELIGIOUS  
19   DENOMINATION AND YOU CALL THE CORONERS TO TELL THEM THAT,  
20   THAT'S ASSISTING. TO TELL THE CORONERS TO STOP DOING AN  
21   AUTOPSY BECAUSE YOU WANT IT TO BE DONE DIFFERENTLY, THAT'S  
22   INTERFERING. OTHER COUNTIES IN THIS STATE ARE ABLE TO DO THIS  
23   AND THEY CARRY IT OUT SO WELL. I DON'T SEE WHY WE'RE  
24   DIFFERENT. IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF WE WERE THE FIRST ONE IN  
25   THE STATE WHO WAS GOING TO BE MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION BUT



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1 IT'S JUST THE OPPOSITE. THE LARGE COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA HAVE  
2 MOVED FORWARD THIS WAY AND THERE'S NO REASON WHY WE CAN'T DO  
3 THAT.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT AUTOPSIES. WE'RE  
6 TALKING PROCESSING PAPERWORK NOT AUTOPSIES. AUTOPSIES THAT  
7 HAVE TO BE REQUIRED BOTH RELIGIOUS FAITHS UNDERSTAND THAT.  
8 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE PROCESSING OF PAPERWORK. AND, AGAIN,  
9 MY OFFICE, IN FACT, I RECEIVED AN AWARD FROM THE ORTHODOX  
10 COMMUNITY FOR OUR HELPING THEM WITH MANY OF THEIR BURIALS.  
11 AND, AGAIN, EVEN IN THE MUSLIM FAITH, THEY'VE ALSO THANKED US.  
12 IT'S THE PAPERWORK, THE BUREAUCRACY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, NOT  
13 THE AUTOPSY.

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15 **SUP. BURKE:** I DON'T THINK THERE WOULD BE ANYTHING THAT  
16 PREVENTS YOU FROM DOING THAT IN THE FUTURE.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, I THINK THE ONLY THING THAT  
19 SAYS ABOUT YOUR OFFICE OR MY OFFICE OR ANY STAFF MEMBER IS  
20 THAT HAVE-- THEY ARE PRECLUDED FROM ORDERING, INSTRUCTING A  
21 DEPARTMENT HEAD AS TO WHAT TO DO. AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT YOU  
22 HAVE THE RIGHT TODAY, NO INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THIS BOARD AND  
23 NO INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE STAFF OR NO MEMBER OF THE STAFF  
24 HAS THE RIGHT TO ORDER SOMEBODY WHAT TO DO YET IT HAPPENS. AND





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1 THAT'S A FAR CRY FROM ASKING THEM. YOU CAN'T ORDER SOMEBODY TO  
2 EXPEDITE AN AUTOPSY. YOU CAN ASK THEM.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT? AUTOPSIES.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, YEAH, WELL, IT IS AUTOPSIES.  
7 THAT'S WHAT-- IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW, THAT'S WHAT YOU GOT THE  
8 AWARD FOR. THEY'RE NOT AUTOPSIES BUT BURIAL, TO EXPEDITE THE  
9 BURIAL.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WAS PROCESSING THE PAPERWORK. PROCESSING  
12 THE PAPERWORK, NOT THE AUTOPSY.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TO EXPEDITE THE BURIAL, THAT'S  
15 CORRECT. AND SOMETIMES IT DOES INVOLVE AUTOPSIES AND SOMETIMES  
16 IT JUST INVOLVES TIME.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT'S DIFFERENT.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND THAT'S ALL RIGHT. AND I'VE HAD  
21 MY SHARE AS WELL, MIKE. BUT I'VE NEVER HAD TO TELL-- YEAH,  
22 WE'VE ALL HAD THEM. I'VE NEVER HAD TO INSTRUCT THE CORONER,  
23 NOR WOULD I, TO DO IT. IN FACT, I THINK IT WOULD BE A  
24 VIOLATION OF THE LAW FOR ME TO DO IT BECAUSE HE'S AN OFFICER,



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1 AS WELL. HE HAS CERTAIN STATE STATUTORY POWERS. SO THAT'S--

2 BUT, ANYWAY, WE'VE BEEN AROUND THIS BEFORE. CALL THE ROLL.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** DO WE HAVE A MOTION?

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL MOVE APPROVAL. MS. BURKE

7 SECONDS. THIS IS THE SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCE, CORRECT?

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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15 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR

18 ANTONOVICH?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AYE, IT'S APPROVED. NEXT ITEM.

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1    **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NO FURTHER ITEMS.

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3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, I HAVE ONE ADJOURNING  
4    MOTION, THAT'S-- ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT  
5    PETERSEN. I THINK WE ALL KNEW BOB, PUBLISHER, BUSINESSMAN,  
6    AUTOMOBILE COLLECTOR, FOUNDER OF THE PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE  
7    MUSEUM WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY DUE TO CANCER AT THE AGE OF  
8    80. STARTING IN 1948, BOB FOUNDED A PUBLISHING EMPIRE THAT  
9    INCLUDED HOT ROD, MOTOR TREND, GUNS AND AMMO AND OTHER TITLES  
10   THAT OFTEN REFLECTED HIS PERSONAL INTERESTS AND HOBBIES. AMONG  
11   HIS OTHER ACTIVITIES LATER IN LIFE, HE WAS PRESIDENT AND  
12   CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF BOYS AND GIRLS' CLUB OF HOLLYWOOD AND  
13   A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE BOYS AND  
14   GIRLS' CLUB OF AMERICA. HE WAS ACTIVE IN SUPPORT OF NUMEROUS  
15   CHILDREN'S CHARITIES AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES  
16   LIBRARY COMMISSION. DURING THE 1984 SUMMER OLYMPICS IN LOS  
17   ANGELES, BOB PETERSEN WAS SHOOTING SPORTS COMMISSIONER,  
18   OVERSEEING CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHOOTING VENUE FROM WHAT HAD  
19   BEEN A DAIRY FARM IN CHINO. PETERSEN AND HIS WIFE HAVE BEEN  
20   MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO THE MUSIC CENTER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
21   AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ART MUSEUM. BOB PETERSEN WAS A  
22   FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE THALIANS SOCIAL SOCIETY WHICH RAISES  
23   MONEY FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AT CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL  
24   CENTER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARGIE. AND ASK THAT ALL  
25   MEMBERS ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. AND I HAVE A NUMBER OF



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1 ADJOURNING MOTIONS ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR KNABE, HE ASKED ME  
2 TO DO THIS. ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANNA ADAME PASSED  
3 AWAY, THE UNEXPECTEDLY-- UNEXPECTEDLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
4 OF 37. RESIDENT OF THE SOUTH GATE. TRINIDAD TRUJILLO WAS 89  
5 YEARS OLD. THE UNCLE OF SUPERVISOR KNABE'S UNCLE LUIS  
6 TRUJILLO. ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ONE. BEVERLY RUNESTAD, SURVIVED  
7 BY HER SON, JAY, IN CERRITOS. MARY LEWIS, FORMER MAYOR, A  
8 THREE TERM CITY COUNCILWOMAN IN BELLFLOWER'S FIRST CITY CLERK.  
9 PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 16TH. SHE WAS 92. AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
10 HER TWO CHILDREN, FRANK AND JOELLA. WALLY FROST WAS BORN IN  
11 1924. PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 15TH. HE WAS STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT  
12 AND CLASS SPEAKER AT LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE, PLAYED  
13 WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL WITH FLYING WHEELS IN 1951 AND WENT ON  
14 TO SIX CONSECUTIVE NATIONAL TOURS. HE WAS A COUNSELOR OF  
15 CERRITOS COLLEGE FOR 40 YEARS AND A CHAPLAIN AT JUVENILE HALLS  
16 AND HOSPITALS HERE IN THE COUNTY. WALLY'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY "YES,  
17 WE CAN" WAS PUBLISHED IN 1981. HE IS SURVIVED BY WIFE,  
18 PHYLLIS, CHILDREN, DAVE, DAN, STEVE, BECKY AND DEBBIE.  
19 FINALLY, FREDERICK ALBERT MAXIMILLIAN DEZEMPLER, III, AN  
20 ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE LONG BEACH BUSINESS WHO COMMUNITY PASSED  
21 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 62. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, PATRICIA,  
22 HIS MOTHER, LOVIE, SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, RICH AND  
23 CATHERINE, TWO GRANDSONS, MATTHEW AND TRENT AND A SISTER,  
24 SHARON. THOSE ARE-- UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ALL THOSE. COULD WE TAKE  
25 UP ITEM NUMBER 11? I'M GOING TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO ITEM



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1 NUMBER 11, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER TO DEPOSIT ALL OF  
3 THE PROCEEDS GENERATED BY THIS TRANSACTION INTO A COUNTYWIDE  
4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
5 OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT OTHER  
6 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY.  
7 THAT'S AN AMENDMENT TO WHAT'S IN THE REPORT NOW. ANY OBJECTION  
8 TO THAT? WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THAT AMENDMENT  
9 AND WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US. I'LL MOVE IT. MS. BURKE  
10 SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. ALL RIGHT. THAT WAS ITEM 11.

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12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** 23, I THINK YOU WERE HOLDING.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 23, YEAH. THANKS. LET'S TAKE UP  
15 ITEM 23. I HAVE AN AMENDMENT ON THAT. DO YOU HAVE THAT  
16 AMENDMENT? THIS IS AN AMENDMENT TO ITEM 23. I MOVE THAT THE  
17 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE COUNTY  
18 COUNSEL, COMPLETE THE DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR THIS STUDY WITH THE  
19 INCLUSION OF APPROPRIATE TERMS BASED UPON STANDARD COUNTY  
20 PROVISIONS FOR SUCH SERVICE CONTRACTS AND COVERING TOPICS  
21 INCLUDING DATA COLLECTION AND RETENTION PROTOCOLS, PUBLIC  
22 INFORMATION, POINT OF CONTACT, INSURANCE, PROCEDURES FOR  
23 CONSENT, THE SUBCONTRACTING AND ASSIGNMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY  
24 PROVISIONS. MS. BURKE WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT  
25 AMENDMENT IS APPROVED. WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US. I'LL MOVE



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1 IT. MS. BURKE SECONDS. ANY DISCUSSION? WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
2 UNANIMOUS VOTE. THIS IS-- I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS IS A  
3 COMMENCEMENT OF THE-- MARKS THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE POINT  
4 SOURCE ID PROJECT IN THE MALIBU, UPPER WESTERN MALIBU  
5 WATERSHED WHICH WE THINK IS GOING TO PRODUCE GOOD PUBLIC  
6 HEALTH OUTCOMES. AND IT'S A GREAT PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE  
7 COUNTY AND HEAL THE BAY AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND A  
8 NUMBER OF-- THE WATER RESOURCE PROJECT. THIS IS GOING TO BE A  
9 GOOD PILOT PROJECT. WE THINK IT'S GOING TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL.  
10 THANK THE C.A.O. FOR THEIR HELP ON THIS AS WELL FROM THE  
11 BEGINNING. ALL RIGHT. UNANIMOUS VOTE. LET'S SEE IF WE HAVE  
12 ANY-- 18?

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14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA HELD 18.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM NUMBER 18, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,  
17 YOU HELD THAT?

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, SIR. ITEM 18.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAD AN AMENDMENT, I THINK.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, AND I HAD A LONG SPEECH, YOU READY FOR IT? [  
24 LAUGHTER ]

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1    **SUP. BURKE:** OH, YEAH!

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3    **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY, CAN THE SPEECH. [ LAUGHTER ] BUT COUNTY  
4    COUNSEL AND I ARE GOING TO WORK ON THIS SOMEWHERE DOWN THE  
5    LINE BECAUSE I JUST GOT YOUR REPORT AND JUST ONE BIG, BIG BOO-  
6    BOO THAT I SHOULD POINT OUT. THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT THE CLIENT;  
7    THE BOARD IS THE CLIENT AND YOUR MEMO SAID CLIENT DEPARTMENTS.

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9    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WE RECOGNIZE  
10   FULLY THAT THE BOARD IS THE CLIENT, BUT WE REFER GENERICALLY  
11   TO ALL THE DEPARTMENTS AS CLIENT DEPARTMENTS BECAUSE WE DO  
12   PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE AND REPRESENTATION TO THEM. BUT VERY  
13   CLEARLY TO US THE BOARD IS THE CLIENT WITH A CAPITAL C.

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15   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF LAWSUITS THAT ARE  
16   WAITING FOR US IN CLOSED SESSION THAT DON'T MAKE THAT VERY  
17   CLEAR, RIGHT? BUT, ANYWAY, IT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. BUT THE  
18   MOTION THAT I HAD WITH REGARD TO THE RMIS, THE RISK MANAGEMENT  
19   INFORMATION SYSTEM, AND THIS WAS PART OF AN AUDIT THAT WAS  
20   DONE BY OUR AUDITOR AND I POINTED OUT CLEARLY MR. FORTNER HAS  
21   RESPONDED TO VARIOUS THINGS BUT I JUST GOT THE REPORT SO I'M  
22   BEGINNING TO READ IT AND I'M GOING TO HAVE PROBABLY SOME  
23   ISSUES AS WELL. BUT IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT ONE OF THE THINGS  
24   THAT THE AUDITOR SAID IS THAT IT ISN'T THE INFORMATION SYSTEM  
25   THAT IS FAILING US. AND THAT'S WHY WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD TO





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1 RENEW THE CONTRACT. WHAT'S FAILING US IS, LIKE ANYTHING ELSE,  
2 AND BELIEVE ME WE'RE ALL AT THE MERCY OF WHAT KIND OF  
3 INPUTTING WE PROVIDE INTO OUR SYSTEM. AND IF YOU DON'T PUT IT  
4 IN, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET OUT WHAT YOU WANT. AND THAT'S WHAT  
5 WE'RE HAVING A PROBLEM WITH. SO, OBVIOUSLY, THE COUNTY COUNSEL  
6 IS HAVING THAT SAME PROBLEM AND SO I'M GOING TO PUT A MOTION  
7 IN TO HOPEFULLY ASSIST IN THAT DIRECTION. ASSIST MAY BE A WORD  
8 THAT YOU MAY NOT FIND TO BE THE APPROPRIATE WORD BUT IT'S THE  
9 WORD THAT I'M USING. SO MY AMENDMENT HERE IT SAYS THE RECENT  
10 AUDIT OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S LITIGATION COST MANAGEMENT AND  
11 RISK MANAGEMENT PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES NOTED SEVERAL  
12 DEFICIENCIES IN HOW COUNTY COUNSEL STAFF UTILIZES A RISK  
13 MANAGEMENT AND CLAIMS ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION PROGRAM TO  
14 MAINTAIN KEY CASE MANAGEMENT AND LITIGATION INFORMATION.  
15 COUNTY COUNSEL HAS AGREED TO IMPLEMENT MOST OF THE AUDITORS'  
16 RECOMMENDATIONS AND WILL DEVELOP AN RMIS MANUAL AND PROTOCOLS  
17 FOR CASE BUDGETS AND BILL REVIEWS. HOWEVER, IT IS ESSENTIAL  
18 THAT COUNTY COUNSEL STAFF IS FULLY TRAINED ON HOW TO PROPERLY  
19 AND CONSISTENTLY DOCUMENT PERTINENT CASE INFORMATION, RMIS. IN  
20 ADDITION, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE GROUNDS FOR THESE LAWSUITS  
21 OR CAUSES OF ACTION ARE CONSISTENTLY DOCUMENTED SO THAT THE  
22 COUNTY CAN MONITOR TRENDS AND TAKE PROACTIVE STEPS TO PREVENT  
23 FUTURE LITIGATION. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT, NUMBER 1, COUNTY  
24 COUNSEL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE C.A.O., DEVELOP AN RMIS  
25 TRAINING AND USER MANUAL WHICH INCLUDES PROTOCOLS ON HOW AND



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1 WHEN TO UPDATE CASES IN RMIS AND ALSO PROVIDE A SCHEDULE OF  
2 TRAINING FOR ALL APPROPRIATE COUNTY COUNSEL STAFF ON HOW TO  
3 USE THE INFORMATION SYSTEM. COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE C.A.O. ARE  
4 TO REPORT BACK TO US IN 45 DAYS. AND THAT THE AUDITOR  
5 CONTROLLER VERIFY AND EXPAND THE USE OF THE INFORMATION SYSTEM  
6 PER THE AUDIT AND EVALUATE THE USEFULNESS AND QUALITY OF  
7 MANAGEMENT REPORTS THAT MONITOR CASE STATUS, BUDGETARY  
8 CONTROLS AND DOCUMENT CASE DECISIONS AND REPORT BACK TO US IN  
9 90 DAYS ON THAT ITEM. AND, NUMBER THREE, THAT THE C.A.O.  
10 ASSIST THE COUNTY COUNSEL IN DEVELOPING A CODING SYSTEM  
11 CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY'S THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS TO  
12 TRACK CAUSES OF ACTION, TO MONITOR TRENDS AND TO TAKE  
13 PROACTIVE STEPS TO PREVENT FUTURE LITIGATION. AND IF THAT'S  
14 NOT CLEAR TO YOU, I WILL SHARE WHAT I MEAN BY THAT. AND,  
15 NUMBER FOUR, THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER  
16 AND THE C.A.O. REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THE PROGRESS MADE  
17 IN IMPLEMENTING THE AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATION, THE LITIGATION  
18 COST MANAGEMENT, CODING AND TRAINING OF STAFF. HOPEFULLY, THE  
19 FIRST REPORT WILL BE DUE IN 90 DAYS AND HOPEFULLY, AFTER THAT,  
20 SEMIANNUALLY.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT  
23 AMENDMENT? WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. WE HAVE THE ITEM  
24 BEFORE US. MOLINA MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
25 UNANIMOUS VOTE. THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MS. BURKE?



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR ADJOURNMENTS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH. MIKE? ADJOURNING  
5 MOTIONS.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE THEY ARE, I HAVE THEM. LET ME ALSO MOVE  
8 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT PETERSEN. BOB WAS A  
9 SUPPORTER OF MINE WHEN I FIRST RAN FOR THE BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS. HE REMAINED A FRIEND. HE HAS AN INCREDIBLE  
11 AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM AT THE OLD ORBACH'S DEPARTMENT STORE ON  
12 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD AND FAIRFAX, THE PETERSEN MUSEUM. HE  
13 STARTED HOT ROD MAGAZINE, WHICH THEN SPAWNED INTO MOTOR TREND,  
14 ONE OF THE MORE POPULAR MAGAZINES BACK IN 1949. HIS PUBLISHING  
15 FIRM HAD OVER THREE DOZEN TITLES. AND ONE OF THE SAD PARTS, HE  
16 MARRIED MARJORIE IN 1963 BUT, IN 1975, HE TRAGICALLY LOST BOTH  
17 HIS SONS IN AN AIRPLANE CRASH WHEN THEY WERE-- BOB WAS 10 AND  
18 RICHIE WAS 9 YEARS OF AGE. HE HAS A GREAT LEGACY TO LEAVE TO  
19 OUR COUNTY AND HE WAS A GREAT CHARITABLE PHILANTHROPIC MAN. A  
20 CLASSMATE OF MINE, NEIGHBOR, FRIEND, HIS NIECE, BETSY,  
21 BEATRICE MOTE WAS KILLED TRAGICALLY ON THE 210 FREEWAY IN  
22 PASADENA THIS PAST WEEK ON MARCH 16TH. SHE WAS ONLY 44 YEARS  
23 OLD. SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER HUSBAND, JOHN AND HER TWO CHILDREN  
24 AND HER PARENTS AND HER UNCLES, RON AND FRED BEATON. AND ALSO  
25 CATHERINE SEIPP, WHO IS A REPORTER. SHE WROTE UNDER THE BYLINE



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1 "MARGO MCGEE" AND HER TIMES COLUMN WAS A BUZZ FEATURE IN WHICH  
2 SHE WROTE ABOUT INTERNAL TURMOIL AT THE L.A. TIMES. SHE PASSED  
3 AWAY THIS PAST WEEK. HER SERVICES WILL BE AT MOUNT SINAI,  
4 HOLLYWOOD HILLS. GARY ALZIEBLER FROM THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY.  
5 GARY'S NIECE WORKS IN L.A. COUNTY'S GRAPHIC ARTS DEPARTMENT OF  
6 OUR CAO, DANIEL AND HIS WIFE, SUZANNE, WERE VERY WELL KNOWN FOR  
7 THEIR CHARITABLE GIVING THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. HE WAS  
8 ACTIVE IN THE VALLEY ELKS CLUB AND THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY  
9 CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS. VIRGINIA ROSE "GINNY" GILES. PASSED  
10 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. SHE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE FIRST  
11 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GLENDALE AND PARTICIPATED IN THE  
12 WOMEN'S COMMITTEE OF THE GLENDALE SYMPHONY AND OTHER COMMUNITY  
13 ACTIVITIES. DR. MARILYN YOKAITIS. SHE GREW UP IN BURBANK AND  
14 WAS A 20-YEAR RESIDENT OF RANCHO MIRAGE. GRADUATED PEPPERDINE  
15 UNIVERSITY WITH A DOCTORATE IN PSYCHOLOGY. OBTAINED A LICENSE  
16 AS A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST. WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
17 EISENHOWER MEDICAL CENTER FOR HEALTHY LIVING. SHE LEAVES HER  
18 HUSBAND, DON YOKAITIS, A FORMER MAYOR OF PASADENA. SERGEANT  
19 JOHN ALLEN OF PALMDALE, HE WAS AN ARMY MEDIC WHO WAS KILLED IN  
20 OPERATION IRAQ. JEFFREY SEMOW, COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY. HE  
21 EARNED HIS DOCTORATE OR I SHOULD SAY HIS LAW DEGREE FROM USC.  
22 WAS A PROSECUTOR IN THE WHITE WATER CONTROVERSY. AS A DISTRICT  
23 ATTORNEY IN L.A. COUNTY, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO HANDLE OUR GANG-  
24 RELATED CASES. JOHN O'NEIL, DEPUTY SHERIFF, HE PASSED AWAY AT  
25 THE AGE OF 44. HE DIED ON-- HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT AT THE BUREAU



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1 OF COMPLIANCE ON MARCH 16TH IS WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. RETIRED  
2 DEPUTY ROBERT HUSSEY. HE SERVED IN THE NARCOTICS BUREAU AND  
3 HIS RETIREMENT WAS IN 1986. HE PASSED AWAY AT AGE 65. DEPUTY  
4 CHARLES GAGE, PASSED AWAY AT 85. HIS LAST TIME OF SERVICE WAS  
5 IN 1975 WHEN HE RETIRED AND HE WAS AT THE DETENTION CAMP 15 IN  
6 ELDEN DAVENPORT IN LANCASTER, WHERE HE WORKED FOR 42 YEARS AS  
7 A AIRCRAFT MECHANIC. SO THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR.

8 CHAIRMAN.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE. THERE'S NOTHING  
11 ELSE EXCEPT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT?

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S?

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I'M SORRY, DO  
16 YOU HAVE ADJOURNING MOTIONS? YOU DID YOURS, RIGHT?

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18 **SUP. BURKE:** I DID YOLI'S BROTHER.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT. WE HAVE SOME  
21 PUBLIC COMMENT. PEOPLE WANT TO BE HEARD. ROSLYN WALKER. NANCY  
22 VERNON MORENO. DANIEL GOTTLIEB. IS HE HERE? MARY SETTERHOLM?  
23 NATHAN KREMS? ALL RIGHT. ROSLYN WALKER?

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1   **ROSLYN WALKER:** YES, MY NAME IS ROSLYN WALKER. I'M A RESIDENT  
2   OF MARINA DEL RAY, A PLACE THAT I LOVE VERY MUCH AND I MUST  
3   BECAUSE I LEFT AT 7:30 THIS MORNING. I'VE BEEN ABOUT SEVEN  
4   HOURS IN MEETING HERE, ANOTHER TWO HOURS TO GET HOME AND I  
5   WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW THINGS. BEFORE ANY FURTHER BUILDING  
6   GOES ON THERE, I REALLY, REALLY WOULD LIKE ALL THE SUPERVISORS  
7   TO UNDERSTAND THIS MARINA INVOLVES ALL OF YOU AND IT'S REALLY  
8   IMPORTANT WHAT'S BEING DONE TO IT. I SEE DON KNABE WHO I ONLY  
9   SAW FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE TODAY, AND I'VE LIVED THERE  
10  13 YEARS, IS NOT HERE. BUT I'D REALLY LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER,  
11  BEFORE ANY FURTHER BUILDING IS ALLOWED TO HAPPEN, TWO THINGS,  
12  A LOT OF THINGS, TWO THINGS. MANAGEMENT OF AND CREATING A  
13  MARINA, THINK ABOUT IT. THE EXPERTISE OF THE DEPARTMENT AND  
14  ITS MANAGER WHO MANAGES MARINA DEL RAY, THEIR EXPERTISE IS  
15  MANAGING. HOWEVER, WHAT WE NOW HAVE BEFORE US REGARDING MARINA  
16  DEL RAY IS A TOTAL RECONSTRUCTION OF MARINA DEL RAY WHICH  
17  CONSTITUTES THE BUILDING OF A MARINA. THIS REQUIRES A TOTALLY  
18  DIFFERENT AREA OF EXPERTISE THAN IS REQUIRED TO MANAGE THE  
19  MARINA. THIS IS BUILDING A MARINA. IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT  
20  POINT. WE NEED A MASTER PLAN. WE NEED A PERSON EXPERT IN  
21  BUILDING A MARINA. WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO MANAGE IT, THAT'S A  
22  DIFFERENT FIELD. THEY CAN'T BE EXPECTED TO DO EVERYTHING. AND  
23  IT'S A VERY SPECIALIZED FIELD TO PUT TOGETHER THE TOTAL  
24  REVITALIZATION OF OUR MARINA. THE OTHER POINT THAT I'D LIKE  
25  YOU TO REALLY CONSIDER IS TRAFFIC MITIGATION. THAT, LOGICALLY,



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1 HAS TO COME FIRST. IT HASN'T HAPPENED. SO THERE'S A LOT OF  
2 TRAFFIC TO MITIGATE BEFORE YOU EVEN BUILD WHAT'S UNDER  
3 CONSIDERATION AND GOING UP NOW. I ALSO WANT YOU TO TAKE INTO  
4 CONSIDERATION THAT I BELIEVE THERE'S SOME REQUIREMENT THAT THE  
5 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN TAKE OVER MARINA DEL RAY FOR  
6 EMERGENCIES SUCH AS AIRPLANE DISASTERS AND NATURAL AND OTHER  
7 TYPE CATASTROPHES. THE LACK OF ACCESS, DUE TO OVERBUILDING,  
8 WOULD GREATLY IMPEDE THE USE OF THE MARINA AS EMERGENCY  
9 VEHICLES NOW TRYING TO REACH THEIR DESTINATIONS, MY HOME,  
10 EXPERIENCE DELAYS DUE TO TRAFFIC AND INACCESSIBILITY. SO  
11 THAT'S ANOTHER THING TO CONSIDER IN THE OVERBUILDING THAT  
12 SEEMS TO BE CONTEMPLATED AND GOING ON IN THE MARINA AND JUST  
13 AT WILL.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, TIME IS UP.

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17 **ROSLYN WALKER:** OH, IT IS?

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, THAT'S WHAT THOSE LIGHTS  
20 MEAN. NANCY VERNON MARINO?

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22 **NANCY VERNON MARINO:** YES. MY NAME IS NANCY VERNON MARINO AND I  
23 WOULD LIKE TO SECOND THAT CALL FOR A MASTER PLAN. IN FACT,  
24 309-- EXCUSE ME 302 PEOPLE SECONDED THAT CALL LAST AUGUST 29TH  
25 IN A PETITION THAT I SUBMITTED TO THIS BOARD SPECIFICALLY





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1 CALLING FOR A REVIEW, A PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE MASTER PLAN. I  
2 HAVE NOTED, IN THE PUBLIC RECORD, THAT THERE ARE OTHER  
3 PETITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED ASKING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE  
4 PLAN, ASKING FOR ALL MANNER OF INFORMATION TO KNOW WHAT IS  
5 GOING ON, KNOW THE COMPLETE PICTURE, TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF  
6 THE ISSUES THAT APPLY TO ALL PROJECTS AND DO THAT ALL AT ONCE,  
7 RATHER THAN MAKING THE PUBLIC RUN LIKE RATS THROUGH A  
8 TREADMILL TO EVERY MEETING TO JUST BE SURE THAT THE ISSUE GETS  
9 RAISED. IT'S A PIECEMEAL APPROACH. IT'S A BAD APPROACH. HERE  
10 ARE PETITIONS, JUST HUNDREDS AND DOZENS OF SIGNATURES. WHAT  
11 HAPPENS TO THESE PETITIONS? I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT, IN THE  
12 PUBLIC RECORD, COUNTERS THIS HUGE PUBLIC OUTCRY FOR A MASTER  
13 PLAN? ON THE AMENDMENTS, I WOULD LIKE TO REVISIT AGENDA ITEM 3  
14 AND MAKE TWO CLARIFICATIONS. NUMBER 1, THE DCB ALREADY DOES  
15 THE JOB OF A HEARING EXAMINER THAT YOU PROPOSED EARLIER IN THE  
16 MEETING. THEY JUST DON'T DO IT SOON ENOUGH. THIS IS A  
17 SHORTCOMING THAT THEY HAVE NOTED FROM TIME TO TIME AND  
18 LAMENTED THE FACT THAT THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO DO AS GOOD A JOB  
19 AS THEY MIGHT BECAUSE THEY DON'T GET IT BEFORE THE COUNTY AND  
20 THE DEVELOPERS ARE HEAVILY INVESTED IN THE PROJECT. THE SECOND  
21 CLARIFICATION, THE DCB'S REVIEW WOULD CERTAINLY NOT BE  
22 MANDATORY, GIVEN THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT LANGUAGE DOES NOT  
23 REQUIRE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO FOLLOW THE DCB'S  
24 RECOMMENDATIONS NOR DOES IT REQUIRE THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
25 COMMISSION TO REVIEW COMPLIANCE OF A PROJECT FOR ANYTHING



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1 OTHER THAN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFIC PLAN. YOU NEED TO, AT  
2 A VERY MINIMUM, AMEND THE LANGUAGE TO CLOSE THIS LOOPHOLE TO  
3 MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T END UP WITH A DEBACLE OF SPEEDILY AND  
4 HASTILY APPROVED PROJECTS.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOUR TIME IS UP. I'M SORRY.

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8 **NANCY VERNON MARINO:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MARY SETTERHOLM. NATHAN KREMS, IS  
11 HE HERE? NOT HERE. IS HE HERE OR NOT? OKAY. THAT'S ALL I  
12 WANTED TO KNOW. TONY LIEF? NATE HOLDEN? MR. THIGPEN, YOU HERE?  
13 SHE'S GONE. BILL ROBINSON? ALL RIGHT. MISS SETTERHOLM?

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15 **MARY SETTERHOLM:** HI, DO YOU MIND IF I STAND? IT JUST FEELS  
16 MORE RESPECTFUL.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHATEVER IS MORE COMFORTABLE FOR  
19 YOU.

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21 **MARY SETTERHOLM:** OKAY, WELL, MY NAME IS SETTERHOLM. I'M FROM  
22 HERMOSA BEACH. AND I OWN A COMPANY CALLED SURF ACADEMY. WE'RE  
23 THE LARGEST SURF SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY. BUT, MORE IMPORTANT, I  
24 FORMED A NONPROFIT, A 501(C)(3) CALLED L.A. SURF BUS. I DON'T  
25 KNOW IF YOU'VE HEARD OF IT BUT WE GET KIDS FROM THE TOUGHEST



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1 NEIGHBORHOODS. I GO AFTER THEM AND BRING THEM TO THE BEACH. I  
2 CHARTER THE BUSES AND BRING THEM DOWN. AND I'D LIKE BASICALLY,  
3 TO MAKE IT REALLY SHORT, IS WAVES WORK. WAVES JUST CAPTURE THE  
4 KIDS THAT ARE IN THE WORST OF TROUBLE AND JUST GIVE THEM A  
5 GOOD DAY. I MEAN IT'S PURE FUN. AND I'M HERE TO BASICALLY LET  
6 YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS PROGRAM AND ASK YOU INDIVIDUALLY IF YOU  
7 HAVE ANY PARKS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS THAT COULD BENEFIT FROM  
8 THIS PROGRAM AND ALSO TO ASK YOU FOR HELP WITH BUSES TO GET  
9 THEM THERE. BUT THESE ARE THE PACKETS THAT I HAVE FOR EACH ONE  
10 OF YOU. IF YOU CAN OPEN THEM UP AND THERE'S A LETTER FOR EACH  
11 ONE. IT'S ADDRESSED TO THEM. I'D LIKE TO TAKE A SECOND. MY  
12 BACKGROUND. I'M A FORMER NATIONAL SURFING CHAMPION. I WAS ALSO  
13 HONORED THE SAME TIME FLORA WAS FOR WOMAN OF THE YEAR AT THE  
14 SANTA MONICA YWCA AND I'M ON THE WALK OF FAME FOR SURFING.  
15 SURFING IS ALL I AM, OKAY? ALL RIGHT. THE PARKS THAT I HAVE,  
16 THE FIRST ONE THAT CALLED ME THIS YEAR WAS NICKERSON GARDENS.  
17 SOUTH PARK. ALJIN SUTTON. MACARTHUR PARK. SOUL INTERNATIONAL.  
18 HARVARD, CENTRAL. STATE, LAKE, BELLEVIEW, LAFAYETTE, ROSS  
19 SNYDER, EVERGREEN, SLAUSSEN, FRED ROBERTS, ST. ANDREWS,  
20 TRINITY, LAUREN MILLER, TOBERMAN, COSTELLO, POINSETTIA,  
21 PENMAR, STONER, YUCCA PARK, HOLLYWOOD, LEMON GROVE, BOYLE  
22 HEIGHTS JUST CALLED ME THE OTHER DAY. THEY WANT TO GO GET ON  
23 THE BUS WITH STATE AND EVERGREEN. EPIC. THE ENTIRE CITY OF  
24 SANTA MONICA BECAUSE WE ARE THE OFFICIAL SURF SCHOOL FOR THE  
25 CITY OF SANTA MONICA, SO WE TAKE EVERY KID THERE THAT CAN'T



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1 AFFORD IT. WE MAKE SURE THEY LEARN THE WAYS OF THE BEACH. I  
2 WENT TO THE L.A. MISSION THE OTHER DAY, JUST COLD CALLED THEM,  
3 AND THEY TOLD ME VERY MUCH WANT TO HAVE THEIR WOMEN, I'VE BEEN  
4 IN TWO SHELTERS FOR BATTERED WOMEN AND I'VE BEEN ON WELFARE  
5 WITH MY FIVE KIDS AS A SINGLE MOTHER SO I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT  
6 IT IS TO HAVE A GOOD DAY WITH YOUR KIDS. JUST PLEASE LET ME  
7 HAVE A SAFE, FUN, IT ONLY COSTS SIX BUCKS TO PAY FOR PARKING.  
8 AND SO OUR GOAL IS TO GET THESE MOMS ON A BUS TO THE BEACH TO  
9 HAVE A GOOD DAY. I'M SORRY MY TIME EXPIRED BUT WHAT MY HOPE  
10 AND PRAYER WAS COMING HERE TODAY IS TO GET SOME HOT SPOTS FROM  
11 YOU THAT YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME LIST THAT ARE IN YOUR AREAS. I  
12 WANT THOSE KIDS. I WANT TO GET THEM TO THE BEACH AND I NEED  
13 YOUR HELP.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE ALL HEARD THAT AND  
16 LEAVE US A NUMBER WHERE WE CAN REACH YOU.

17

18 **MARY SETTERHOLM:** IT'S IN MY BOOK.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, GREAT. TONY LIEF.

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22 **TONY LIEF:** YEAH, MY NAME IS TONY LIEF. I'M A BOARD MEMBER AND  
23 A HOMEOWNER IN THE MARINA CITY CLUB IN MARINA DEL RAY. WE HAD  
24 AN ELECTION ON THE 22ND OF MARCH BUT I WANTED YOU TO KNOW WHY  
25 I'M HERE. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES OWNS THE LAND THAT THE



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1 MARINA CITY CLUB IS ON. AND THEY HIRED AND I WENT INTO  
2 CONTRACT WITH ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST AS A SUBLESSOR WHO HIRED  
3 CONAM AS THE MANAGER OF THE PROPERTY. BEFORE THE ELECTION,  
4 WHEN BALLOTS WERE SENT OUT, THEY WERE NOT DISTRIBUTED BY THE  
5 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AS THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN, WHO WE HIRED,  
6 BUT THEY WERE DISTRIBUTED BY CONAM. WE HAVE 600 UNITS AND NOT  
7 ALL OF THESE UNIT OWNERS RECEIVED BALLOTS. I HAVE 31  
8 STATEMENTS RIGHT HERE FROM HOMEOWNERS WHO NEVER RECEIVED A  
9 BALLOT. WE JUST STARTED WORKING ON IT. I'M SURE THAT, WITHIN  
10 THE NEXT WEEK, THIS WILL DOUBLE OR TRIPLE. AND THEY WERE  
11 MAILED OUT WITHOUT ANY RETURN ADDRESSES. NATE AND I AND  
12 ANOTHER PERSON, NATE HOLDEN AND I AND ANOTHER PERSON RUN ON A  
13 SLATE. WE GOT 280 PROXIES, 1,400 VOTES JUST UNDER 50 PERCENT  
14 OF THE TOTAL VOTES THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE MARINA CITY CLUB.  
15 CONAM MET BEHIND CLOSED DOORS WITH THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
16 THE NIGHT OF THE ELECTION AND DID NOT ALLOW US IN THERE, YET  
17 WE HIRED THEM. THEY ARE NOT A DISINTERESTED PARTY. THEY ARE  
18 BEING ASKED TO LEAVE AS MANAGER AND WE HAVE EIGHT OTHER FIRMS  
19 THAT ARE UP FOR MANAGEMENT. SO THEY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS  
20 ELECTION. THE POLLS OPENED AT 6:30. NOT 6:00 P.M. THEY CLOSED  
21 AT 7:30, ONLY ONE HOUR. MANY PEOPLE COULD NOT VOTE. ON  
22 ELECTION NIGHT, OVER 205 OF THE 280 PROXIES WERE DISCOUNTED,  
23 73 PERCENT, OVER 1,000 OF OUR VOTES BECAUSE THEY SAID THAT  
24 BALLOTS CAME IN WHICH TRUMPED THE PROXIES ARE THE SAME UNITS  
25 THAT THE PROXIES HAD. SIGNATURE COMPARISONS WERE NEVER MADE



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1 AND BALLOTS TOOK PRIORITY OVER THE PROXY. CERTAINLY, SIGNATURE  
2 COMPARISONS WOULD REVEAL A HUGE PROBLEM. TO DATE, WE HAVE NO  
3 VOTE COUNT. NO EXPLANATIONS AS TO THE VOTE, THE  
4 DISQUALIFICATIONS. ONLY THE NAMES OF THE FIVE WINNERS. WE ARE  
5 CONVINCED THAT THIS IS A FLAWED ELECTION CONTROLLED BY  
6 UNAUTHORIZED PARTIES WHO HAVE A STRONG INTEREST IN ITS  
7 OUTCOME. WE ASK THIS BODY TO LOOK FURTHER INTO THIS MATTER AS  
8 IT IS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES' LAND. IT IS THE COUNTY OF LOS  
9 ANGELES' CONTRACT WITH THE SUBLESSOR WHO HIRED THE MANAGEMENT  
10 FIRM AND WE ARE CONVINCED THAT BOTH OF THESE FIRMS WERE  
11 INSTRUMENTAL IN INTERFERING WITH OUR ELECTION IN WHICH THEY  
12 HAD INTEREST.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. I GOT THE  
15 PICTURE. THANK YOU.

16

17 **TONY LIEF:** I HAVE A STATEMENT FROM MR. CRIMZ THAT I'D LIKE TO  
18 SUBMIT. HE HAD TO GO TO THE DOCTOR, I'M SORRY. HE COULDN'T  
19 STAY.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NATE HOLDEN.

22

23 **NATE HOLDEN:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, WHEN WE WERE LAST HERE,  
24 WE TALKED ABOUT THE IRREGULARITIES THAT WERE TAKING AT THE  
25 MARINA CITY CLUB AND, ON MR. KNABE'S INITIATIVE, AND MR.



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1 STEVEN NAPOLITANO HAS INITIATED SOME KIND OF AN INVESTIGATION  
2 IN THAT REGARD AND YOU SHOULD BE APPLAUDED FOR THAT. NOW, LET  
3 ME JUST HOWEVER THAT I'M JUST A MESSENGER AND I DON'T REALLY  
4 LIKE THE POSITION OF BEING AN ADVOCATE. I'M SITTING OUT HERE  
5 NOW FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME BUT THAT'S THE WAY IT IS. I'M  
6 ASKED TO DO THAT. BUT I HAVE IN MY HANDS, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
7 MEMBERS, 300 PROXIES. THERE ARE ONLY 600 VOTES AT THE MARINA  
8 CITY CLUB. AND, OVER THE YEARS, THEY ALWAYS VOTED BY PROXIES.  
9 I HAVE NEARLY 300. 205 WERE DISQUALIFIED. THIS IS THE WORST  
10 BALLOT STUFFING EVENT THAT I'VE EVER SEEN IN MY LIFE. AND  
11 THAT'S WHAT IT REALLY IS. IT IS TRUE, IT'S THE COUNTY'S  
12 PROPERTY AND THEY OWN IT. AND THERE'S NO WAY THAT ANYONE CAN  
13 DISCLAIM THAT THEY DON'T HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE  
14 THAT A FAIR ELECTION IS BEING CONDUCTED IN THE MARINA OR  
15 ANYWHERE ELSE. I CAN ONLY SAY TO YOU THAT IT WAS NOT-- THERE'S  
16 NO WAY IN THE WORLD WHERE YOU CAN HAVE 205 PROXIES WITH  
17 WRITTEN SIGNATURES GIVING AUTHORIZATION, WHICH IS 1/3, OVER  
18 1/3 OF THE TOTAL VOTES TO BE CAST AND THEN THEY BE  
19 DISQUALIFIED. THE WORST BALLOT STUFFING INCIDENT I'VE SEEN.  
20 I'VE SEEN THEM WALK UP, PUT BALLOTS IN. SOMEONE SIGNED THE  
21 OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPES SOMEBODY ELSE'S NAME. THAT CAN BE  
22 VERIFIED TO BE FALSE. AND I WOULD SAY TO YOU THAT I WOULD ONLY  
23 HOPE THAT YOU WOULD TAKE SOME INITIATIVE TO INQUIRE TO SEE  
24 WHAT ACTUALLY WENT ON THERE. I WILL MAKE COPIES OF ALL THESE  
25 PROXIES AND GIVE THEM TO YOU. AND AFFIDAVITS THAT WE HAVE.





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1 AFFIDAVITS AND PROXIES TO SHOW THAT IT WAS BALLOT STUFFING ON  
2 THE PART OF THE MANAGEMENT THERE BECAUSE THEY STAND TO  
3 BENEFIT. WE LAUNCHED AN INVESTIGATION AGAINST THEM AS WAS  
4 DISCUSSED LAST TIME.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHO'S THE MANAGER?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. ROBINSON?

9

10 **NATE HOLDEN:** IT WAS CONAM.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHO?

13

14 **NATE HOLDEN:** CONAM WAS THE NAME-- CONAM IS THE MANAGING  
15 COMPANY.

16

17 **TONY LIEF:** AND THEY WERE HIRED BY ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, WHO IS  
18 THE SUBLESSOR WHO IS IN CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS  
19 ANGELES.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN WE REFER THIS TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY?

22

23 **NATE HOLDEN:** YES, WE CAN.

24

25 **TONY LIEF:** DEFINITELY.



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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. WE OUGHT TO HAVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
3 REFER IT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

4

5 **NATE HOLDEN:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THIS IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC  
8 COMMENT. WHY DON'T YOU WORK-- I'M SURE MR. ANTONOVICH'S STAFF  
9 WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH YOU ON THAT AND GET THE  
10 INFORMATION.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, I MEAN, GIVE THE TESTIMONY TO THE  
13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY AS PRESENTED. I MEAN, WE'VE DONE THIS IN  
14 OTHER CASES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THEY CAN DO THAT. THEY CAN  
17 DO THAT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, WE CAN DO IT HERE, TOO.

20

21 **NATE HOLDEN:** BUT WE...

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NATE USED TO BE A SUPERVISOR, A DEPUTY, HE  
24 KNOWS.

25



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1   **NATE HOLDEN:** I UNDERSTAND THAT CAN BE DONE, MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

2

3   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, YOU CAN DO IT.

4

5   **NATE HOLDEN:** I KNOW.

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. YOU CAN DO IT. I'M NOT SURE-  
8   - ANYWAY...

9

10   **NATE HOLDEN:** YOU CAN REFER IT.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE CAN'T TAKE AN ACTION ON A  
13   PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

14

15   **TONY LIEF:** HOWEVER, YOU ARE PARTY TO THE CONTRACT.

16

17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PARDON ME?

18

19   **TONY LIEF:** YOU'RE PARTY TO THE CONTRACT WITH ESSEX PROPERTY  
20   TRUST, WHO HIRED THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, NO. PROCEDURALLY, WE CANNOT  
23   TAKE AN ACTION ON WHAT YOU'RE SPEAKING ON TODAY. IF YOU'D LIKE  
24   TO WRITE MR. KNABE OR ME OR MR. ANTONOVICH A LETTER LAYING ALL  
25   THIS OUT, WE CAN...



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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. I'LL FORWARD A COPY OF THE TRANSCRIPT  
3 TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR YOU.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S DIFFERENT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN DO THAT ON YOUR OWN. ALL  
10 RIGHT. MR. ROBINSON?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN I HAVE A COPY OF THE TRANSCRIPT?

13

14 **NATE HOLDEN:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **MR. ROBINSON:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I JUST WANTED THE THANK  
17 MR. ANTONOVICH FOR HIS STRONG AND COGENT ARGUMENTS HE  
18 PRESENTED REGARDING THE COUNTY'S C.A.O. I'M NOT AWARE THAT  
19 THERE WAS ANY PROBLEM OR ANY SITUATION THAT WAS BROKEN THAT  
20 WAS FIXED BY THE ORDINANCE THAT WAS PASSED BY THE BOARD  
21 MAJORITY. I OBSERVE THAT PERHAPS IN THE FUTURE WHEN MEMBERS OF  
22 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE ONLY TRYING TO ASSIST-- REPRESENT  
23 THEIR CONSTITUENTS AND ASSIST THE PROCESS THAT NOW YOU'LL BE  
24 MORE EASILY ACCUSED OF MICROMANAGEMENT WHEN YOU'RE  
25 REPRESENTING YOUR CONSTITUENTS. SO I JUST WANTED TO THANK MIKE



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1 FOR DOING A GOOD JOB AND PRESENTING THE STRONG ARGUMENTS. THE  
2 ARGUMENTS THAT THE MAJORITY PRESENTED, MAYBE I WASN'T  
3 LISTENING CAREFULLY ENOUGH BUT IT SEEMED LIKE ONE ARGUMENT WAS  
4 WELL, OTHER COUNTIES ARE DOING IT AND SO WE SHOULD DO IT, TOO,  
5 AS AN ARGUMENT FOR GROWING THE BUREAUCRACY. THAT DOESN'T  
6 STRIKE ME AS A VERY STRONG ARGUMENT BUT APPARENTLY IT WAS  
7 ADOPTED BY THE BOARD. I'M SORRY. I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN. GREAT. THANK YOU. ANYBODY ELSE? NO**  
10 **OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS? THEN WE'RE GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION?**  
11 **SACHI?**

12

13 **>>CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
14 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-  
16 1 AND CS-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
17 LITIGATION, ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
18 INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND ITEM CS-4, DEPARTMENT  
19 HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA  
20 AND AS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK YOU.

21

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23 **[THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURNED INTO CLOSED SESSION THEN**  
24 **RETURNED TO PUBLIC SESSION FOR AGENDA ITEM A-3, BELOW.]**

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE BACK IN SESSION. THE BOARD  
2   OF SUPERVISORS IS BACK IN SESSION. WE'RE GOING TO PICK UP ITEM  
3   A-3, WHICH IS THE METROCARE ISSUE, AND ASK BRUCE, DR.  
4   CHERNOFF, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, TO BRING US UP TO DATE  
5   ON THE LATEST IN THE CMS NEGOTIATION OR DISCUSSION WITH US AND  
6   ON MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL AND ANY RECOMMENDATION YOU MAY  
7   HAVE IN THAT REGARD.

8

9   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** SUPERVISORS, WE HAVE BEEN IN DISCUSSION  
10  WITH CMS' STATE OFFICIALS ABOUT A POTENTIAL EXTENSION FOR OUR  
11  EFFORTS AT MLK HARBOR HOSPITAL. I THINK WE HAVE CLEAR GUIDANCE  
12  ON WHAT CMS WOULD BE WILLING TO OFFER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
13  SERVICES. OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE OFFER IS THAT CMS WOULD BE  
14  WILLING TO EXTEND OUR CURRENT PROVIDER AGREEMENT TO THE  
15  CONTRACT AS WE COMMONLY CALL IT THROUGH AUGUST 15TH, WHICH IS  
16  CONSISTENT WITH THE TIMELINE IN THE METROCARE PLAN. THEY WOULD  
17  LOOK TO THE COUNTY TO-- AND THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
18  FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN APRIL  
19  1ST AND AUGUST 15TH. THAT THE EXTENSION OF THE PROVIDER  
20  AGREEMENT IN THE TERMS THAT WE'VE DESCRIBED PROTECTS ALL OF  
21  THE RESIDENCY SLOTS, AS LONG AS THE PROVIDER AGREEMENT IS IN  
22  PLACE. AND, FINALLY, WE WOULD ONLY BE EXPECTED, AND THIS IS A  
23  SIGNIFICANT CHANGE, TO PASS A SINGLE CONDITION OF  
24  PARTICIPATION SURVEY WITH CMS. MY RECOMMENDATION TO YOU AT  
25  THIS POINT IS THAT THIS OFFER MAKES SENSE. IT IS CONSISTENT



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1 WITH THE METROCARE PLAN. IT GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
2 COMPLETE OUR WORK ON THE SCHEDULE WE'VE PROVIDED AND I THINK  
3 IT'S AN OFFER WE SHOULD ACCEPT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** IT'S AN OFFER WE CAN'T REFUSE. OKAY.  
6 DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING, DAVID?

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, I'M JUST-- I THINK MAYBE WE OUGHT TO  
9 JUST TALK ABOUT THE DOLLARS JUST FOR A MINUTE BECAUSE THE  
10 PRESS, WILL ASK WHAT DOES IT MEAN FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE  
11 MONEY? WE HAVE INDICATED THAT IT'S A \$60 MILLION EXPOSURE  
12 DURING THAT TIME PERIOD. CMS HAS OFFERED TO PAY FOR THE MONTH  
13 OF APRIL. THEY MAY HAVE TO DO THAT BECAUSE OF NOTICE  
14 REQUIREMENTS BUT-- AND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT, THEN, IS  
15 THE STATE AND COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY AND THE EXPOSURE IS ABOUT  
16 \$38 MILLION FOR THE CITY-- EXCUSE ME, FOR THE COUNTY AND THE  
17 STATE. SO THAT'S THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DOLLARS BUT I AGREE WITH  
18 DR. CHERNOFF. THIS IS AN OFFER THAT WE SHOULD TAKE.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE STATUS OF WAIVER ADJUSTMENT? AND  
23 IS THE STATE GOING TO ADJUST THE WAIVER FUNDING MECHANISMS?

24





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1 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WE HAVE WORKED  
2 CLOSELY WITH OFFICIALS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
3 SERVICES TO LOOK AT POTENTIAL OFFSETS OR OPPORTUNITIES UNDER  
4 OUR CURRENT WAIVER. THEY'VE EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO TALK  
5 WITH US ABOUT WAYS THAT COULD CONTINUE SOME OF OUR CURRENT  
6 FUNDING STREAMS UNDER THE WAIVER, AS LONG AS THEY DON'T IMPACT  
7 OTHER PUBLIC HOSPITALS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THERE IS AN  
8 UPCOMING PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT WILL BE REQUIRED TO FUND  
9 YEARS THREE THROUGH FIVE OF THE WAIVER. THAT LEGISLATION NEEDS  
10 TO COME FORWARD IN APRIL. AND THEY'VE SIGNED A WILLINGNESS  
11 TO WORK WITH US AND THE OTHER PUBLIC HOSPITALS TO MAKE SOME  
12 TECHNICAL CHANGES THAT COULD DECREASE THE DIRECT COUNTY  
13 EXPOSURE FINANCIALLY.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MUCH MONEY DOES THE COUNTY HAVE IN  
16 TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS? AND HOW MUCH OF THESE FUNDS ARE  
17 EARMARKED?

18

19 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** SUPERVISOR, I BELIEVE IT'S BETWEEN 68 AND  
20 \$69 MILLION CURRENTLY IN THE TOBACCO TAX FUND. AND WITHOUT MR.  
21 WELLS, I DON'T HAVE THE EARMARK RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME. DO YOU?

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THEY HAVE ALL BEEN EARMARKED BY THE BOARD FOR  
24 THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S USE. THEY ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY  
25 EARMARKED AT THIS TIME FOR A PURPOSE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEY WERE EARMARKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3 HEALTH GENERAL FUND OR CATEGORICAL FUND OR RESERVED FUND FOR  
4 EMERGENCY PURPOSES?

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. NOW, IS THE DEPARTMENT PLANNING TO HAVE  
9 THE CMS SURVEY DONE IN JULY?

10

11 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** SUPERVISOR, OUR CURRENT PLAN IS TO BE  
12 PREPARED FOR A SURVEY IN JULY.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JULY. AND IS THE DEPARTMENT FORMULATING A  
15 CONTINGENCY PLAN IN CASE THE MLK HARBOR DOES NOT PASS THAT  
16 SURVEY IN JULY?

17

18 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** INCLUDING DOWNSIZING? WHAT ABOUT BEILENSON  
21 HEARINGS?

22

23 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** SUPERVISOR, SHOULD WE NOT PASS THAT  
24 BEILENSON HEARING IN JULY, WE WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO COME  
25 FORWARD WITH A COMPLETE-- IF WE DIDN'T PASS THE AUDIT AND WE



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1 HAD TO GO TO A CONTINGENCY PLAN, WE WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT  
2 ALL THE OPTIONS IN FRONT OF US AND THOSE WOULD, WITH COUNSEL'S  
3 GUIDANCE, MY BELIEF IS THEY WOULD REQUIRE BEILENSONS, YES.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE STATE WOULD NOT PERMIT A NON-CERTIFIED  
6 MEDICAL FACILITY FROM CONDUCTING MEDICAL SERVICES, WOULD THEY?

7

8 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** SUPERVISOR, THE DECISION THAT THE STATE  
9 HOLDS IS ONE OF LICENSING. AND LICENSING IS NOT DIRECTLY  
10 RELATED TO HAVING A CMS CONTRACT NOR IS IT DIRECTLY RELATED TO  
11 HAVING JCAHO ACCREDITATION. THERE ARE ACTUALLY-- IN THOSE  
12 THREE ELEMENTS OF MANAGING A HOSPITAL OR ACKNOWLEDGING A  
13 HOSPITAL ARE INDEPENDENT OF ONE ANOTHER. SO THE STATE WOULD  
14 NEED TO MAKE AN INDEPENDENT DETERMINATION ABOUT THE STATUS OF  
15 THE LICENSE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF WE DO NOT PASS, WE WOULD NOT BE-- WE  
18 WOULD THEN BE OPERATING A SUBSTANDARD FACILITY, WOULD WE NOT?

19

20 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** WE WOULD BE OPERATING A FACILITY THAT DOES  
21 NOT MEET CMS STANDARDS AND I THINK IT WOULD CAUSE THE STATE TO  
22 COME BACK AND TAKE A HARD LOOK.

23



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. AND IF THE STATE COMES BACK AND  
2   REFUSES TO GIVE US THE CERTIFICATION OR-- WE WOULD THEN HAVE  
3   TO CLOSE THE FACILITY?

4

5   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** IF THE STATE WERE TO COME IN AND REMOVE  
6   THE LICENSE, WE WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO OPERATE THE  
7   HOSPITAL, THAT IS CORRECT.

8

9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE WOULD CLOSE THAT FACILITY. AND A  
10   BEILENSON PROCESS OR HEARING WOULD BE MOOT BECAUSE THE  
11   FACILITY WOULD NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE AS A RESULT OF  
12   THE STATE LOSING ITS-- GIVING US A NON-CERTIFICATION?

13

14   **LEELA KAPUR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WHILE WE'VE NEVER FACED  
15   THIS ISSUE, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT, IF A FACILITY IS FORCED TO  
16   BE CLOSED BECAUSE YOU HAVE LOST YOUR LICENSE, A BEILENSON  
17   WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED.

18

19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT I MEAN, YEAH. THANK YOU.

20

21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANYBODY ELSE? MS. MOLINA?

22

23   **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO GO THROUGH AN UNDERSTANDING OF HOW IT'S  
24   GOING TO WORK SINCE I'M NOT SO SURE I UNDERSTOOD IT THE LAST



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1 TIME. SO WHEN THEY SAY THEY'RE GOING TO CONTINUE, DOES THAT  
2 MEAN THE CONTRACT, AS IS? SO THIS IS, "THE EXTENSION"?

3

4 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** SUPERVISOR, IT IS THE CONTRACT AS IS  
5 AND...

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HOLD ON ONE SECOND. ONE SECOND.  
8 COULD YOU CLOSE THE DOOR? THANKS. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

9

10 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THE ANSWER TO YOUR  
11 QUESTION IS YES. SO THE CONTRACT WITH CONDITIONS-- THE  
12 CONTRACT WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE AS IS SO IT IS A  
13 STRAIGHTFORWARD EXTENSION, YES.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. SO THE CONTRACT IS "AS IS" BUT THE  
16 REIMBURSEMENT IS NOT?

17

18 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THAT IS CORRECT. WE WOULD VOLUNTARILY NOT  
19 BILL FOR A PERIOD OF TIME UNDER THE CONTRACT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT'S HOW YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT?

22

23 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

24



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO BASICALLY WE'RE GOING TO BILL THEM UP TO \$20  
2   MILLION AND THEN WE FIGURE OUT THE REST?

3

4   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** WE WILL BILL THEM THROUGH THE MONTH OF  
5   APRIL. WE BELIEVE THAT THAT WILL BE ABOUT 20, \$22 MILLION.

6

7   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO THE RESIDENTS GET TO STAY, THE RESIDENCE  
8   SLOTS GET TO STAY?

9

10   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THE RESIDENT SLOTS REMAIN WITH THE  
11   AGREEMENT.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. AND THEN, ON JULY 1ST, WE GO THROUGH  
14   OUR INSPECTION CERTIFICATION, WHATEVER THAT IS, RIGHT?

15

16   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** CORRECT.

17

18   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND ARE THEY GOING TO DO IT, AS YOU SAID THE LAST  
19   TIME, WHERE THEY COME BACK ON AUGUST THE FIRST?

20

21   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** NO, SUPERVISOR, ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL  
22   CHANGES IN THIS OFFER IS THAT THE PREVIOUS CMS LETTER THAT HAD  
23   THE TWO SURVEYS WITH THE PERIOD OF ASSURANCE IN BETWEEN, THE  
24   OFFER NOW IS TO HAVE ONE AND ONLY ONE SURVEY WITH NO NEED FOR  
25   A PERIOD OF ASSURANCE AND NO NEED FOR A SECOND SURVEY.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHY WAS IT NEEDED THEN AND NOT NEEDED NOW?

3

4 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK BECAUSE CMS WAS  
5 WORKING OFF THE PRESUMPTION THAT THE CONTRACT WAS TO TERMINATE  
6 ON NOVEMBER 30TH. AND IF A NEW HOSPITAL COMES...

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY HAD ALREADY HAD THE FOREGONE CONCLUSION THAT  
9 WE WEREN'T GOING TO PASS?

10

11 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** NO. WE HAD ALREADY NOT PASSED. WE HAD NOT  
12 PASSED THE SURVEY. THE LETTER THAT WE GOT FROM THEM AFTER NOT  
13 PASSING THE SURVEY LAID OUT THE OPTIONS FOR BRINGING A NEW  
14 HOSPITAL INTO THE CMS FAMILY OF PROVIDERS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE ANSWER TO HER QUESTION,  
17 BECAUSE I HAD THE SAME QUESTION, IS THAT, BECAUSE THEY WERE  
18 GOING TO CANCEL THE CONTRACT, IN ORDER TO REGAIN THE CONTRACT,  
19 WE'D HAVE TO PASS TWO SURVEYS, CORRECT?

20

21 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS THE QUESTION I'M ASKING.

24





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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S THEIR RULES. THAT, IF YOU  
2    LOSE A CONTRACT...

3

4    **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO UNDERSTAND. SO THIS  
5    IS A CONTINUATION OF THE SAME CONTRACT?

6

7    **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** YES.

8

9    **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, IF WE PASS, ALL RIGHT? THEN THAT MEANS, ON  
10    JULY 1ST, THEY WILL LET US KNOW MORE OR LESS WHEN?

11

12    **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THAT'S OUR UNDERSTANDING, SUPERVISOR.

13

14    **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

15

16    **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THAT IS OUR...

17

18    **SUP. MOLINA:** MORE OR LESS, WHEN WILL THEY LET US KNOW?

19

20    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, WHEN WILL YOU KNOW THE RESULTS  
21    OF THE SURVEY IS THE QUESTION?

22

23    **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** OH, SUPERVISOR, IN GENERAL...

24

25    **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD IT BE SIX MONTHS?



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2 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** IT TOOK THEM SIX WEEKS LAST TIME,  
3 SUPERVISOR. SO IT'S PROBABLY MEASURED IN WEEKS.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO LET'S SAY IT IS IN WEEKS. AND WE  
6 GET TO AUGUST THE 15TH, RIGHT?

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8 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** YES.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEY HAVEN'T YET TOLD US, POTENTIALLY. SO  
11 THEN WE WOULD CONTINUE, DEPENDING ON WHAT THEIR RESPONSE IS,  
12 THIS CONTRACT RIGHT NOW IS A CONTINUATION UNTIL WHEN? THE END  
13 OF AUGUST?

14

15 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THE EXTENSION THAT THEY'VE OFFERED IS  
16 THROUGH THE 15TH.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. THROUGH AUGUST THE 15TH.

19

20 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEY NEED TO LET US KNOW, BETWEEN JULY 1ST  
23 AFTER THEY CONDUCT IT, TO AUGUST THE 15TH AND IT COULD HAPPEN  
24 IN ANY OF THAT TIME, BASICALLY SIX WEEKS, RIGHT?

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1    **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** CORRECT.

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3    **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT IS GOING TO CREATE A LOGISTICS PROBLEM,  
4    IN A SENSE, OR NOT, I DON'T KNOW. IF WE PASS, THEN WHAT THAT  
5    MEANS IS THAT, COME AUGUST THE 15TH, WE HAVE THE SAME CONTRACT  
6    OR NOT?

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8    **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THE SAME CONTRACT.

9

10    **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. THE SAME CONTRACT BACK TO THE SAME  
11    PROVISIONS OF FULL REIMBURSEMENT?

12

13    **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THAT'S CORRECT. THAT'S OUR UNDERSTANDING,  
14    SUPERVISOR. THAT'S CORRECT.

15

16    **SUP. MOLINA:** WHERE IS THAT WRITTEN SOMEWHERE SO WE KNOW THAT?

17

18    **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, WE WOULD NEED TO GET  
19    THIS ALL IN WRITING FROM CMS.

20

21    **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN WILL WE GET ALL OF THIS IN WRITING?

22

23    **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK, WITH AGREEMENT  
24    FROM YOUR BOARD THAT THIS IS THE DIRECTION WE SHOULD PROCEED.

25



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, IT'S HARD FOR ME TO SAY YES IF I DON'T KNOW  
2   WHERE I'M GOING. BUT THAT IS THE INTENT. I WOULD ONLY AGREE  
3   THAT IT IS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO COME BACK AND WE GO BACK TO  
4   THE REGULAR AGREEMENT, WHICH IS THE FULL REIMBURSEMENT, NOT  
5   THE NEW FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT THAT THEY'RE MAKING.

6

7   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, SUPERVISOR, AND  
8   I WOULD WANT THAT IN WRITING, AS WELL.

9

10   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YOU'LL GET THAT BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK?

11

12   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THAT'S MY GOAL, SUPERVISOR, YES.

13

14   **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT IF THEY DON'T GIVE IT TO YOU, WHAT DO WE DO?  
15   I MEAN, THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF GAMES THAT HAVE BEEN PLAYED  
16   ALL THE WAY THROUGH THIS.

17

18   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, THE CONTRACT TERMINATES ON  
19   THE 31ST, THEY DON'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING. IT'S OVER. SO IF WE  
20   DON'T-- THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A RESPONSE FROM US. IF OUR  
21   RESPONSE IS, "YEAH, LET'S WORK IT OUT, YOUR TERMS SOUND FINE,"  
22   THEN THE DETAILS GET WORKED OUT. THE 31ST IS THE DEADLINE.

23

24   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I UNDERSTAND. BUT WE KEEP GOING THROUGH THESE  
25   BUMPS AND THESE ASSUMPTIONS. I MEAN, THE LAST TIME IT WAS



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1 ASSUMED THAT WE WOULD GET THIS EXTENSION BUT IT DIDN'T HAPPEN  
2 AS ASSUMED. AND SO THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT  
3 SOME OF THESE DETAILS ARE. AND I UNDERSTAND WHERE WE WILL GO.  
4 I KNOW, MY POSITION AS TO WHERE I'M GOING AND WHAT I'M DOING  
5 AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO GET THERE.

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT WAS JUST A PHONE CONVERSATION FROM LESLIE  
8 NORWALK TO BRUCE SO WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING IN WRITING. WE HAVE  
9 A PHONE CALL. THAT'S ALL WE ARE OPERATING ON RIGHT NOW.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I DO THINK WE DO NEED TO GET THAT. I MEAN,  
12 ONE OF THE THINGS, WE NEED TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING IS  
13 WHAT IS THE PUBLIC GOING TO EXPECT FROM THIS AND HOW IS IT  
14 GOING TO OPERATE? SO THEN WE GO BACK INTO THIS, IF WE DO NOT  
15 PASS, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THEY'RE GOING TO LET LINGER, I  
16 MEAN, IF IT'LL BE TWO DAYS OR SIX WEEKS, WE DON'T KNOW. THEN  
17 WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT THEN THEY-- THAT TERMINATES THE  
18 CONTRACT, CORRECT?

19

20 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, WHEN IT TERMINATES THE CONTRACT, THAT MEANS  
23 IT ALL GOES AWAY?

24

25 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.



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2   **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD WE PROPOSE SOMETHING, SHOULD WE NOT PASS,  
3   IN THE INTERIM AS TO WHAT ELSE WE COULD DO TO KEEP THE  
4   HOSPITAL OPEN? IN OTHER WORDS, I'M NOT WILLING TO GAMBLE. I  
5   MEAN, I DO KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO BUT THERE HAS TO BE  
6   SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO. I MEAN, THERE ARE  
7   OTHER OPTIONS.

8

9   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** WELL, THE CHOICE TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE A  
10   HOSPITAL EVEN WITHOUT A CMS CONTRACT WOULD BE A DECISION FOR  
11   YOUR BOARD TO MAKE. THE QUESTION IN MY MIND WOULD BE, WOULD WE  
12   BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY OPERATE A HOSPITAL THAT DOESN'T HAVE  
13   JCAHO ACCREDITATION AND IS UNABLE TO REGAIN CMS ACCREDITATION?  
14   AND I THINK THAT THAT'S GOING TO BE, POTENTIALLY, A VERY  
15   DIFFICULT HILL TO CLIMB. IT'S A TOUGH ENVIRONMENT HERE, I'M  
16   HIRING STAFF. AND WE HAVE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE ALL HOSPITALS  
17   ARE LOOKING TO HIRE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS. WE COMPETE WITH  
18   ALL OF THEM, TO A DEGREE, FOR OUR NURSES AND DOCTORS AND OTHER  
19   ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. AND IT WILL BE HARD TO ATTRACT  
20   QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO A HOSPITAL THAT CAN'T GET BACK INTO  
21   THE RIGHTFUL FAMILY OF HOSPITALS, OF ACCREDITED AND RECOGNIZED  
22   HOSPITALS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SO I THINK, SUPERVISOR, YOU  
23   KNOW, THERE IS ALWAYS A RISK THAT THIS HOSPITAL COULD NOT--  
24   MIGHT NOT PASS. WE WILL DO THE WORK WE NEED TO DO TO PREPARE  
25   FOR A SUCCESSFUL RESULT BUT THAT RESULT IS NOT NECESSARILY



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1 GUARANTEED. THEN THE DECISION WOULD COME BACK TO US ABOUT WHAT  
2 THE OTHER OPTIONS ARE. I WOULD BRING THOSE IN FRONT OF YOU.  
3 ONE OF THOSE COULD BE TO TRY TO RUN A HOSPITAL BUT I THINK IT  
4 WOULD BE VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TO HAVE STABLE STAFFING, EVEN IN  
5 A SMALL HOSPITAL, IN THAT CIRCUMSTANCE.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IF, IN FACT, WE PASS ON JULY 1ST AND WHENEVER  
8 THEY LET US KNOW AND WE CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD, THEN HAVE WE  
9 DEvised A PLAN, SHOULD WE BE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO PASS AND SO  
10 ON, AS TO HOW WE BUILD BACK?

11

12 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** SUPERVISOR, THAT'S ONE OF THE REALLY, I  
13 THINK ONE OF THE STRENGTHS OF THE METROCARE PLAN IS IT LOOKS  
14 CAREFULLY AND THOUGHTFULLY ABOUT HOW WE WOULD BUILD BACK FROM  
15 THIS VERY KIND OF FOCUSED BED FOOTPRINT WE HAVE NOW, THE 48  
16 BEDS AND THE BIG, BUSY BASIC EMERGENCY ROOM THAT WE'RE RUNNING  
17 BACK TO A TOTAL OF 120 BEDS BY NOVEMBER. AND IT'S BASED ON  
18 WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT INPATIENT NEEDS FOR THE COMMUNITY  
19 AND OUR ABILITY TO STAFF TO THOSE NEEDS. BUT THERE IS A PLAN  
20 TO GET US BACK TO 120 BEDS BY NOVEMBER.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** GO AHEAD.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** WHEN I SAW THE INITIAL-- I THINK IT WAS AN EMAIL,  
25 IT SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THAT WE WILL NOT REIMBURSE FOR NON-





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1 EMERGENCY CARE. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? OR WAS THAT JUST A FIRST  
2 STATEMENT?

3

4 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** PARDON ME, SUPERVISOR. TECHNICALLY, CMS  
5 HAS A LEGAL OBLIGATION TO COVER EMERGENCY CARE FOR THEIR  
6 BENEFICIARIES. SO, IF A MEDICARE INDIVIDUAL WERE TO COME INTO  
7 A HOSPITAL THAT DOESN'T HAVE A CMS CONTRACT, FOR WHATEVER  
8 REASON, PROBABLY ARE VANISHINGLY FEW OF THOSE HOSPITALS IN THE  
9 ENTIRE UNITED STATES BUT SHOULD THAT CIRCUMSTANCE EXIST, KIND  
10 OF THE WAY MTALA WORKS, THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE  
11 EMERGENCY SERVICES NECESSARY TO DIAGNOSE AND STABILIZE THAT  
12 INDIVIDUAL AND CMS COULD NOT REFUSE TO PAY FOR THOSE EMERGENCY  
13 SERVICES. SO TECHNICALLY WHAT CMS IS SAYING IS THEY UNDERSTAND  
14 THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION TO PAY FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES BUT  
15 THEY'RE UNWILLING TO PAY FOR NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES. THAT  
16 WOULD BE THE PART THAT WE WOULD BE VOLUNTARILY STEPPING AWAY  
17 FROM.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** THE REASON I ASK THAT IS THAT I ASSUMED THAT THERE  
20 WAS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF COST THAT IS FOR EMERGENCIES VERSUS  
21 NON-EMERGENCY AND WHETHER OR NOT THOSE NUMBERS ARE BEING  
22 CALCULATED AS WE MOVE FORWARD FROM MAY 1ST THROUGH AUGUST.

23

24 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** SUPERVISOR, MY STAFF HAS TAKEN THOSE  
25 NUMBERS INTO ACCOUNT IN THESE CALCULATIONS. HONESTLY, IF YOU



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1 LOOK AT WHAT IT COSTS TO RUN A HOSPITAL, THESE ARE VERY SMALL  
2 DOLLARS RELATIVE TO, SAY, THE COST OF A AN INPATIENT DAY OR A  
3 MULTIPLE INPATIENT DAY. SO WE ARE THINKING ABOUT THEM BUT  
4 THEY'RE NOT SIGNIFICANT.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY WERE NOT SIGNIFICANT?

7

8 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME FOLLOW UP ONE MORE THING ON THE SCENARIO.  
11 SO WE GO THROUGH ALL OF THIS. I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND. YOU'RE  
12 GOING TO GET SOME WRITTEN DOCUMENT, RIGHT?

13

14 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** BEFORE FRIDAY?

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18 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THAT'S MY EXPECTATION, YES.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE NEED TO SCHEDULE THIS AGAIN ON TUESDAY,  
21 CORRECT? IN ORDER TO FORMALLY ACCEPT THAT DOCUMENT SINCE WE'VE  
22 NOT SEEN IT?

23

24 **LEELA KAPUR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IF YOU WANTED TO SEE IT  
25 YOURSELVES AND APPROVE IT, YES, YOU WOULD.



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**SUP. MOLINA:** ONLY BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT-- MY CONCERN IS IS THAT I NEED ASSURANCES-- I DON'T KNOW-- I APPRECIATE WHAT THEY'RE DOING, BUT I ALSO NEED ASSURANCES THAT WE CAN GO BACK TO BUILD UP. AND THIS INTERIM FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT THAT IS ONLY BE INTERIM. THAT WE WOULD GO BACK TO MAINTAINING OUR RESIDENT SLOTS, BUILDING BACK UP TO OUR CAPACITY. I MEAN, AGAIN, THIS IS WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT IT IS GOING TO PASS BECAUSE THIS IS NOT A NEW CONTRACT, IT IS A CONTINUING CONTRACT. AND THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO NEGOTIATE THAT AT THE END OF AUGUST THE 15TH.

12

**LEELA KAPUR:** IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, JUST HAVING SPOKEN TO DR. CHERNOFF, THAT, IF THE FACILITY WERE TO PASS ITS SURVEY IN JULY, YOU WOULD BE REINSTATED TO A FULL CONTRACT. THAT'S WHAT CMS HAS SAID. THAT WOULD PRESERVE YOUR RESIDENCY SPOTS AND ALLOW YOU TO BUILD UP AS MUCH AS YOU'D LIKE AS LONG AS YOU CAN MAINTAIN ANOTHER SURVEY IF THEY WERE TO COME OUT AND RESURVEY. WHAT I ANTICIPATE, AGAIN, JUST HAVING SPOKEN TO DR. CHERNOFF, IS THAT, OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS, HE WILL BE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH CMS. I BELIEVE THEY WILL EXPECT TO HAVE SOMETHING MEMORIALIZED, NOT JUST FOR OUR BENEFIT BUT FOR THEIRS AS WELL. THAT WOULD BE EITHER BROUGHT BACK TO YOUR BOARD IF YOU WERE COMFORTABLE, IF YOU WEREN'T COMFORTABLE DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO BRUCE WITH CERTAIN PARAMETERS TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN IT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME UNDERSTAND THAT. SO YOU'RE SAYING MAYBE ON  
3 TUESDAY YOU WON'T HAVE IT? THAT'S WHAT BASICALLY YOU SAID?

4

5 **LEELA KAPUR:** I'M SAYING THAT I BELIEVE THAT BRUCE IS GOING TO  
6 BE WORKING WITH THEM IN THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR DAYS TO HAVE  
7 SUCH A DOCUMENT. YOUR BOARD CAN DELEGATE AUTHORITY FOR HIM TO  
8 SIGN IT OR WE CAN BRING IT BACK NEXT TUESDAY IF THAT'S YOUR  
9 PREFERENCE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, I'D RATHER HAVE IT SIGNED.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE  
14 MUCH OF A-- I MEAN, THE THING EXPIRES BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING.  
15 SO I THINK OUR BEST JUDGMENT WOULD BE-- OUR BEST SHOT WOULD BE  
16 TO GIVE HIM THE PARAMETERS AND DELEGATE IT TO HIM.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT I SAID. WE SHOULD DELEGATE IT  
19 BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, I STILL NEED TO HAVE IT BACK ON THE  
20 SCHEDULE ON TUESDAY TO FIND OUT...

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TO BRING US BACK WHAT HE SIGNED.

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1   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** EXACTLY OR IF IT'S NOT SIGNED, THEN...

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3   **SUP. MOLINA:** ...WHAT THE WRITTEN COMMITMENT IS AND I THINK  
4   THAT THE PARAMETERS, I MEAN, HAVE TO BE THAT. IT CAN'T BE  
5   ANOTHER FUNNY DEAL ABOUT-- THAT WE ASSUME THAT WE WILL GET  
6   THAT AND WE ASSUME, JUST LIKE WE ASSUMED WE WERE GOING TO GET  
7   AN EXTENSION.

8

9   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** I WOULD BE PLEASED, SUPERVISOR, TO BRING  
10   THE DOCUMENT BACK IN FRONT OF THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION NEXT  
11   WEEK.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE MY ASSUMPTION IS WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME,  
14   THERE WILL BE A CONTINUATION OF THE CMS CONTRACT, NOT A NEW  
15   ONE, NOT A NEW FINANCIAL PLAN, NOT A NEW DIFFERENT SIZED  
16   HOSPITAL, THAT WE GET TO BUILD BACK, THAT WE GET TO GO-- THAT  
17   IS, AGAIN, IF THEY GIVE US THE GREEN LIGHT TO DO THAT.

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE  
20   CURRENT SITUATION AND THIS DEAL IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN BETWEEN  
21   MAY 1ST AND AUGUST 15TH, THAT'S AS I UNDERSTAND IT. IN TERMS  
22   OF OUR THE FINANCIAL EXPOSURE.

23

24   **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT, WHICH IS THE INSPECTION

25



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1    **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING.

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3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND, IF WE PASS, THEN WE GO BACK  
4    TO THE STATUS QUO.

5

6    **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THERE IS NO APPEAL ON THIS PASS?

7

8    **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THERE IS NO APPEAL.

9

10    **SUP. MOLINA:** NONE.

11

12    **SUP. BURKE:** AND I WOULD ASSUME, IF WE BUILD UP, THEY COME BACK  
13    FOR ANOTHER, RIGHT?

14

15    **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** NOT NECESSARILY, SUPERVISOR. I MEAN, I  
16    THINK THAT THEIR PERSPECTIVE IS, IF WE PASS THIS SURVEY, THEY  
17    WILL ALLOW US TO RE-ENTER THE FAMILY OF CMS HOSPITALS AND THAT  
18    WE WILL THEN NEED TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF BEING  
19    ACCREDITED LIKE EVERY OTHER HOSPITAL IN WHATEVER WE WAY SEE  
20    FIT. MOST HOSPITALS USE JCAHO BUT THERE ARE OTHER ACCREDITING  
21    BODIES. CMS COMES THROUGH, FROM TIME TO TIME, AND CHECKS  
22    HOSPITALS ON A RANDOM BASIS AND, ON OCCASION, IF THERE'S A  
23    CONCERN, THEY WILL COME BACK MORE FREQUENTLY. BUT THERE ISN'T  
24    A FORMAL EXPECTATION NECESSARILY THAT THEY WILL COME BACK JUST



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1 BECAUSE WE BUILD BACK. I DO THINK THAT THEY'LL KEEP A CLOSE  
2 EYE ON US EVEN AFTER WE PASS.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** SO IF THEN WE WENT TO JCAHO AND WE APPLIED AND  
5 PASSED JCAHO, THEN CMS ACCEPTS JCAHO, IS THAT THE WAY IT  
6 WORKS?

7

8 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THAT IS CORRECT. THEY USE A DEEMING  
9 PROCESS.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I WILL MOVE-- OR MS. BURKE  
12 WILL MOVE, I'LL SECOND, THAT WE AUTHORIZE YOU TO-- TO DELEGATE  
13 YOU THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE  
14 COUNTY SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT YOU'VE DESCRIBED  
15 HERE THIS AFTERNOON AND REPORT BACK TO US ON TUESDAY.

16

17 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS ON THE JOB,  
22 EXCELLENT JOB.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.  
25 ANYTHING ELSE? WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE ARE ADJOURNED.





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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON MARCH 27, 2007**

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

6 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

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8 Deborah A. Ricketts v. Conny B. McCormack, et al., Los Angeles

9 Superior Court Case No. BC 318044

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11 Zachary Conner, et al. v. Conny B. McCormack, et al., Los

12 Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 366355

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14 This litigation involves the issue of whether the County

15 Recorder failed to timely record and index reconveyances of

16 deeds of trust.

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18 No reportable action was taken

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20 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

21 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Patricia

22 Gavira, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior

23 Court Case No. BC 295053

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1 This lawsuit concerns the death of an inmate at the Men's  
2 Central Jail

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4 ACTION TAKEN: The Board of Supervisors authorized settlement  
5 of the above lawsuit. The substance of the settlement will be  
6 disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement  
7 becomes final following approval by all parties.

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9 The vote of the Board was unanimous with Supervisors Knabe  
10 being absent

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12 CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
13 (Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9)  
14 Initiation of litigation (one case)

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16 No reportable action was taken.

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18 CS-4. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS (Government Code  
19 Section 54957) Department Head performance evaluations.

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21 No reportable action was taken.

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